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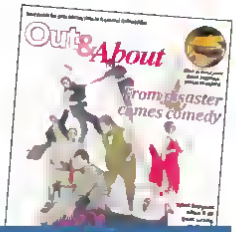

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Friends' tributes to bubbly boy

First court appearance for man charged with teenager's murder

By George Welch

A MAN charged with the murder of a 16-year-old boy in Oxford has appeared in court.

Craig Ford, 33, of Luther Street, Oxford, made his first appearance at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday, only speaking to confirm his name.

He is charged with murder, robbery, possession of a bladed article and two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

The charge of murder relates to the fatal stabbing of teenager Harun Jama, from Birmingham, who was found near a children's playground in Friars Wharf, shortly before 8pm on Wednesday last week.

Ford was remanded in custody to appear at the same court on February 9 alongside Alice Ashcroft, 25, also of Luther Street. She is charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

The pair are expected to enter pleas at the hearing. A provisional trial date was also set for June 11 with a trial expected to last three weeks.

A post mortem examination found the teenager's cause of death to be stab wounds to the abdomen, leg and chest.

Two fundraising pages have been set up to pay for Harun's funeral and carry out charity work in Africa.

The page on JustGiving has raised £530 (£2,500 target) to build at least two wells in Ghana in the youngster's name as Sadaqah Jaariyah, a Muslim aid charity.

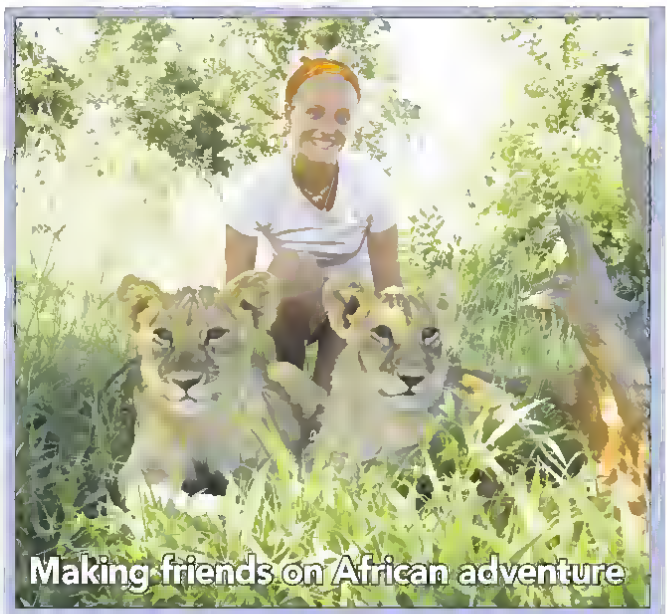
Two fundraising pages have been set up in memory of Harum Jama

The second page on gofundme has raised £950 (£5,000 target) to help fund "angel" Harun's funeral.

One of the tributes read: "We will never forget Harun's big white smile. He was a kind, respectful and humble teenager who was loved amongst the whole community."

Another said: "Harun was a clean hearted bubbly young boy who had his whole life ahead of him, he was loved by many people."

Thames Valley Police have reassured residents after Harun's death and are appealing for witnesses to contact them on 101 quoting 43180002807 with any information.



Making friends on African adventure

Student Olivia Johnson has swapped her family home in Cumnor for the more exotic surroundings of Zambia and Zimbabwe on an internship assessing the behaviour of lions See page 3 for full story

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Pedestrianisation plans to tackle city congestion

By Owen Hughes

RADICAL new plans to tackle city centre congestion could see large areas of Oxford become entirely pedestrianised within the next 20 years.

The county and city councils enlisted experts to help inform a transport and public realm strategy designed to ease congestion in the heart of the city.

The four concepts put forward for the Oxford Local Plan 2036 look at reducing congestion by extending footway space for pedestrians, creating a series of one-way zones for buses and two-way for cyclists, as well as a major re-routing of buses in and out of the centre.

The first two ideas from Phil Jones Associates and ITP (Integrated Transport Planning) would create a 'two-loop system' with the city divided around Cornmarket Street, which would be opened up to one-way bus traffic linking High Street to Magdalen Street and completely pedestrianising St Aldates, Broad Street and George Street.

The two designs in the second option reveal a one-way system around the city, turning St Aldates and High Street into one-way bus routes heading towards Longwall Street.

Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, board member for planning and regulatory services, said, "One of the benefits of getting the buses to work more efficiently in the city centre is that it increases their reliability further out, at their destinations and their origins, meaning more people are more likely to use them.

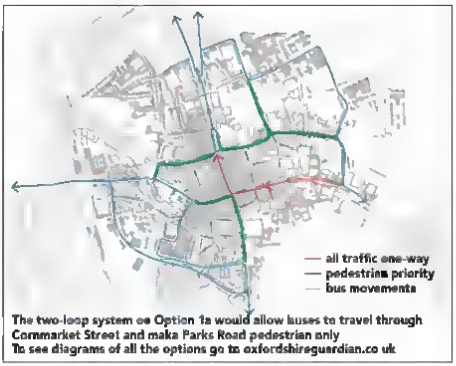
"For example at the moment there isn't a reliable bus service between Cowley and Headington and everybody knows it.

"By making the buses work more efficiently if you can get from Cowley to Headington reliably on the bus, you're less likely to use your car."

Councillor Yvonne Constance, cabinet member for environment and economy for the county said, "The county and city councils share the same aims for Oxford when it comes to getting people around Oxford efficiently, improving air quality, reducing congestion and protecting and enhancing the city's internationally renowned heritage and public realm.

"The options would complement plans for a zero emission zone which will see improvements in air quality in Oxford in the coming years."

Longer term, the county council has proposed a range of options for getting in and around Oxford in 2050 including bus tunnels under the city centre.



The two-loop system oe Option 1a would allow buses to travel through Commarket Street and maka Parks Road pedestrian anly
To see diagrams of all the options go to oxfordshireguardian.co.uk

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Pre-inquest reviews for Didcot deaths

PRE-INQUEST reviews will be held for the four men who died in the Didcot Power Station collapse of February 2016.

Ken Cresswell, 57, John Shaw, 61, Michael Collings, 53, and Christopher Huxtable, 34, were killed when the boiler house of Didcot Power Station A came down as it was being prepared for demolition.

The pre-inquest review will be held at Oxford Coroner's Court at County Hall in New Road on January 31.

It will make plans for the final inquest hearing, including details of any witnesses who will need to give evidence.

Community police awards launch

NOMINATIONS are now open for this year's best community policing awards.

Now in its 17th year, the event at Eynsham Hall near Witney provides an opportunity to recognise and nominate the work of officers, staff and volunteers who have made the greatest contribution over the past year.

The ceremony in May will decide who is the winner across seven categories – community police officer, police community support officer, special constable, diversity champion, cadet volunteer and community volunteer of the year.

To nominate someone before February 26, visit https://tinyurl.com/yawmzq2p

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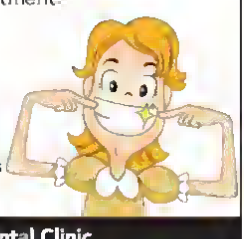

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First aid skills put Jessica first

A 15-year-old girl from Abingdon is in the running for national cadet of the year after winning a competition.

Jessica Field, a Year 11 student at John Mason School, was named cadet of the year for Vale and West Berkshire in an event held in Aylesbury.

She will now go on to compete for the title of overall London and South Regional Cadet of the Year and National Cadet of the Year in February.

In a competition designed to single out the district's most outstanding St John Ambulance Cadet earlier this month, Jessica had to complete a first aid challenge to demonstrate her life saving abilities, take part in a debate, as well as give a presentation and be interviewed by judges.

The teenager stood out from her competitors and will now represent fellow cadets from across Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, throughout this year.

She said, "I feel privileged to be representing other cadets in this role and want to demonstrate this we, as cadets, are willing, intelligent and committed to what we do."

Jessica started volunteering with the charity nearly six years ago.

She has completed her cadet trainee first aider qualification, and is working towards her Grand Prior Award, the highest accolade a cadet can achieve.

She has used her first aid skills on several occasions, helping a runner who had an asthma attack and, closer to home, when her cousin had a severe nose bleed.

Jessica hopes to work in the medical profession and has already secured part time work in a pharmacy.

Olivia's African adventure opens her eyes to very different world

By George Welch

FOR some students, attending mundane lectures and seminars is all a bit too run of the mill

But there is nothing dull or commonplace about how Olivia Johnson is spending her third year at university looking after orphans and new furry friends namely four lion cubs.

The 20-year-old medical sciences student from Cumnor Hill is spending her penultimate year on a research internship in Zambia and Zimbabwe, where she walks, feeds, manages and assesses the behaviour of Shaka, one, and Kion, Khalanga and Khumalo, all six months

The Bath University student wanted to do something "unique and different" for her placement year so off she popped to Africa on a research project looking at how to help increase the declining lion population

Olivia described working with the adorable cubs as "unbelievable" adding, "I still pinch myself sometimes when I realise how fortunate I am to do such exciting and unique work."

Having jetted off for her adventure in August last year, the former Headington School pupil spent four months in Livingstone, Zambia (on the border) before heading to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe last month where she will be based until she returns in June

Olivia, who lives with her parents older sister Hayley, 22, and younger siblings Emily, 16 and Matthew, 13 had never been to Africa or travelled alone prior to her "daunting" escapade

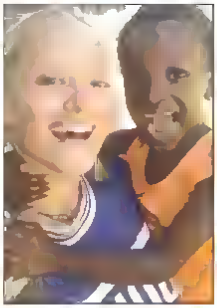
She admitted spending Christmas away from her family was "difficult" and made her homesick – opting to make a festive chocolate cake for orphans and laughing and playing with them to pass the time

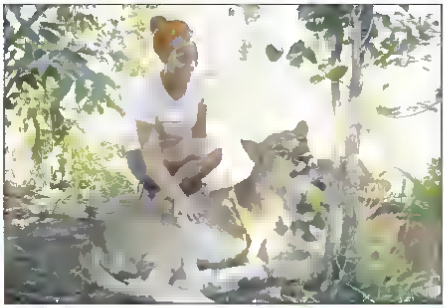
Olivia, who said she has been 'making a new home for herself 5,000 miles from Cumnor, described her experience so far as 'incomparable and humbling'

She said: "I have experienced life from a new perspective which has made me more understanding of differences in the diverse world in which we live

"Having worked in community schools orphanages and visiting local families in villages I have been utterly humbled by the appreciation they have for just the simple things in life, I have learnt so much from them.

"I have learnt that wealth isn't based on money. Giving Christmas presents to the orphans and seeing how thankful they were really made me realise that the little things were, in fact the big things."





Olivia Johnson is spanding a year assessing the behaviour of lions in Zambia and Zimbabwe and experiencing life with families there

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Burglary charges

TWO men have been charged over a burglary on Christmas Eve in which around £2,000 of presents are believed to have been stolen.

Daniel Webb 34, of no fixed abode and Matthew Webb 36 also of no fixed abode were both charged with burglary on Friday

The charges relate to an incident which occurred in Walton Street, Oxford, on December 24 during which a property was burgled.

Both men have been remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 2

Principal 'on leave'

A PRINCIPAL at a failing school has been placed "on leave" and replaced by an acting head without explanation.

In a letter to parents on Monday St Gregory the Great school said Sean Tucker had been appointed acting head teacher in Dr Marcella McCarthy s place.

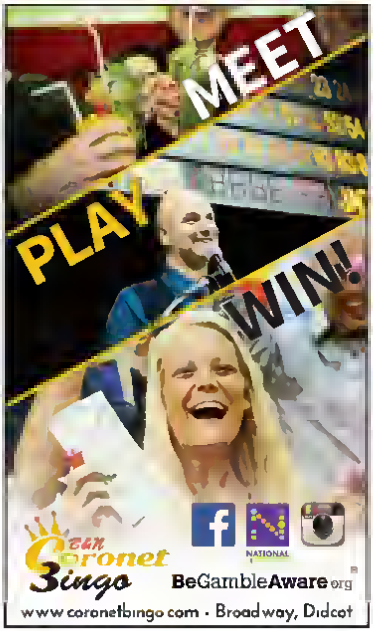
Senior staff would carry out "all necessary responsibilities", the letter added

It comes after Ofsted placed the school, located near Florence Park, in special measures after an inspection in March 2017

Join curry feast

OXFORD Homeless is inviting people to help serve a curry feast to homeless people at the Asian Cultural Centre at Manzil Way from 12pm to 2pm on January 22

Meat and vegetable curry are usually served. To donate food dishes contact 0788 565 9924.



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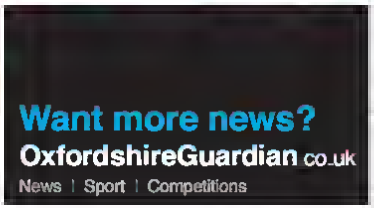

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Have your say on city boundaries

OXFORD could be set for a significant shake-up of its ward boundaries as a local government consultation gets under way

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking Oxford residents for their help in drawing up a new pattern of wards to more equally accommodate Oxford City Council's 48 councillors.

Professor Colin Mellors, chair of the commission, said: "As we develop the recommendations we will take into account community identities as well as ensuring electoral equality for voters

"If you have a view about which communities or neighbourhoods should be part of the same council ward, then we want to hear from you.

"And if you think a road, river or railway makes for a strong boundary between communities in your part of Oxford, then have your say Or if you're simply interested in the way the city is run, just log on to our website to explore our interactive maps and have your say"

Professor Mellors said they will consider all evidence regardless of who it is from and whether it relates to the whole city or just one area. Residents will then have a further chance to have their say after draft recommendations are published in May

New wards are scheduled to come into effect in 2020 and are separate from the parliamentary constituency boundaries.

People have until March 19 to submit their views at consultation.lgbce.org.uk.

Cllr David Williams, left, and Cllr Craig Simmons outside the old Post Office on Iffley Road

Campaign delivers a new post office

A POST Office will be opening in an Oxford supermarket after a long campaign by councillors and residents fighting for a branch to be opened in East Oxford.

The new facility will open at the Co Operative store in Iffley Road, although a date is yet to be confirmed.

The nearby Donnington branch, located a few doors down, closed in March last year following the resignation of its postmaster

The PO confirmed opening hours would be from 6am until midnight from Monday to Saturday and from 7am until midnight on Sundays.

A petition started by Green councillors David Williams and Craig Simmons attracted 737 supporters

The pair also held several meetings with PO representatives

Cllr Williams said "I am absolutely delighted that the Post Office have listened to the weight of public opinion

"When I was looking for alternative locations, the Co-op seemed ideal and the management were keen to make it happen. I am glad it has all worked out."

InBrief

River death inquest

THE inquest of a man who was pulled from the River Thames in Oxford will be held today

Kalem Edwards 25, was found dead in the river near to Walton Well Road, Jericho on August 31

Speaking at the time, detective inspector Jim Holmes of Force CID at Oxford said fire crews entered the water and pulled the man out

He added that ambulance crews from South Central Ambulance Service gave the man emergency medical treatment but sadly he was pronounced dead at the scene

Police said the death is not being treated as suspicious

Diet champions

WHEN it comes to embracing the diets that so many of us dread – especially at this time of year – Oxford is top of the poll, according to new research.

A UK study conducted by processed cheese producer The Laughing Cow revealed more than a quarter of Oxonians claim to enjoy the challenge of losing weight and are also more likely go the distance

The average resident loses 6lbs and diets for nine weeks compared to the national average of just seven.

Only 30 per cent of respondents in Oxfordshire said they hated dieting.

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Planning law change would help safeguard music venues future

By Owen Hughes

AN Oxford MP is supporting a change in planning law that could affect music venues following the successful campaign to save Oxford's iconic Cellar nightclub.

The Planning (Agent of Change) Bill, due to be debated for the first time in the House of Commons yesterday, would require developers to be accountable for the effect of any new schemes on pre-existing businesses such as music venues.

It could mean developers paying for soundproofing at existing music venues to cut the risk of new neighbours complaining about noise

Layla Moran, Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, said: "The Cellar is understandably loved by generations of people in and around Oxford and is a key part of our city's live music scene.

"As a new MP at the time of the proposed closure, it was really encouraging to see so many people getting involved with the planning and political process for the first time in a bid to save the Cellar

"But it led me to think that there needs to be a re-think of planning policy to better protect well-loved music venues from future developments.

"That's why I've been working with UK Music and MPs from all parties to propose this change in the law that would require developers to have to try and protect existing small businesses and well loved grassroots venues like the Cellar"

Layla Moran MP is backing a change that would make developers responsible for noise complaints about existing music venues such as The Cellar Picture Tim Anderson

More than 13,800 people signed a petition in October to save The Cellar in Frewin Court off Cornmarket from being converted into a shop front.

The Cellar's venue manager, Tim Hopkins, said: "The support we received from our local MPs was incredible Layla Moran's office also rang me to see how they could help

"We may be a small venue but we hope from all the incredible support we've seen, it will help highlight the importance of this bigger problem the UK faces regarding independent music venues being threatened with closure.

"We need to protect our music venues and we fully support this bill"

The change is being supported by the Music Venue Trust which has been campaigning for the introduction of the Agent of Change into UK Law since 2015

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Hospitals forced to postpone non-urgent

By Owen Hughes

BLACK alert has been declared at two A&Es in Oxfordshire as hospitals across the country delay non emergency appointments affecting thousands of patients in a bid to combat severe pressure on health services

The John Radcliffe Hospital, Churchill Hospital and Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre have postponed non-urgent planned operations due to the high demand over the winter period following advice from NHS England.

Although the Oxford hospitals have not set a time frame, recommendations suggest the deferral of all non-urgent inpatient elective care until after January 31

HNS England classifies a black alert as a "serious incident" and is the highest level of alert for hospitals, which means maximum bed capacity has been reached leading to cancellations and patients being turned away from A&E The A&Es affected are at the JR and at Horton General Hospital in Banbury

All cancer operations, outpatient appointments, and time-critical procedures should still go ahead as planned at the three Oxfordshire hospitals

Oxford University Hospitals Trust said. "This is not a decision we take lightly and we are grateful for the patience and understanding of those patients and their families who will be affected.

"All patients who have had procedures postponed will be contacted directly to let them know and have their operations rescheduled."

The National Emergency Pressures Panel's (NEPP) met twice in one day on Tuesday last week at NHS England after hospitals reported they were unable to handle the sustained pressure from high patient numbers this winter

Health services have also been advised by the panel to allow mixed sex wards for patients

The panel discussed the high levels of respiratory illness, bed occupancy levels giving limited capacity to deal with demand surges, early indications of flu prevalence and some reports suggesting a rise in the severity of illness among patients arriving at A&Es

Professor Sir Bruce Keogh, chairman of the NEPP said: "I want to thank NHS staff who have worked incredibly hard under sustained pressure to take care of patients over the Christmas period.

"We expect these pressures to continue and there are early signs of increased flu prevalence

The John Radcliffe Hospital has had to postpone non-urgent planned operations and a black alert has been declared on the A&E department

"The NHS needs to take further action to increase capacity and minimise disruptive last minute cancellations."

Residents in Oxford are being

'No plan' to delay chemotherapy

CANCER patients at Oxford's Churchill Hospital face possible delays to their treatment due to a major shortage of specialist nurses, according to a leaked memo.

The memo by Dr Andrew Weaver was circulated to staff, warning the number of chemotherapy cycles offered to the terminally ill would have to be cut because of a lack of staff trained to deal with medication.

In the memo which was leaked to The Times, it said proposals set out by the head of chemotherapy for Oxford University Hospitals Trust are believed to be 'unprecedented'

But the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust says no decisions have been made as far as delaying treatment is concerned or regarding the number of cycles

According to The Times, Dr Weaver said. "Currently we are down approximately 40 per cent on the establishment of nurses an DTU [day treatment unit] and as a consequence we are having to delay chemotherapy patients' starting times to four weeks

"For example where normally six cycles are given then teams should consider reducing to four cycles in total.

"I know that many of us will find it difficult to accept these changes but the bottom line is that the current situation with limited numbers of staff is unsustainable."

Dr Weaver added that, while he wants to protect treatments that aim to cure patients, chemotherapy cycles for later treatments that alleviate symptoms will have to be spaced out further or cut down.

The newspaper said the memo warned there is an prospect for improvement for at least 18 months to two years

A spokesperson from OUH reassured patients no changes have been made nor would they without full consultation.

The spokesperson said. "The internal email from Dr Andrew Weaver sets out some of the challenges facing our chemotherapy service, with his ideas for how to tackle these issues and invites constructive comments and alternative proposals from other cancer doctors and clinical staff

"However it does not represent a change to our formal policy for chemotherapy treatment."

He added. "Any decision to change the approach to cancer treatment so significantly would require a thorough assessment of the potential impact on the quality and safety of treatment and care provided to cancer patients."

He acknowledged the "ongoing challenge to recruit nursing staff"

Theresa May was challenged over the leaked memo during yesterday's Prime Minister's Questions

She echoed comments from the OUH, saying there are "absolutely no plans" to delay chemotherapy or reduce the number of cycles for patients in Oxfordshire.

Join ambulance service and make a difference

JOB seekers considering a career in health care will be able to attend the first at South Central Ambulance Service's annual recruitment open days in Bicester this weekend.

The Oxfordshire based emergency service which provides care to more than four million people, will host the recruitment event at the trust's headquarters at Northern House, Bicester, on Saturday

The event will give people the opportunity to find out about a range of both clinical and non clinical vacancies

Victoria Dooley HR manager at SCAS said. "I would urge anyone who is currently employed and looking for a fresh challenge studying and considering where to begin their career or those between jobs or looking to return to work to come along to our recruitment open day

"The variety of roles that we have mean that whatever your skills and experience you could be working for SCAS and making a real difference every day you come to work. There isn't much better job satisfaction than that."

SCAS staff will be on hand to chat about emergency and non-emergency roles from 11am to 2pm.

planned operations until end of month and A&E on black alert

'Not a decision we take lightly'

advised to check whether patients should use the emergency services by downloading Oxfordshire CCG's free smartphone app from oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk.

"The NHS needs to take further action to increase capacity"
NEPP chairman Professor Sir Bruce Keogh

GP has heart surgery called off on day of his admission

A North Oxford GP had his heart surgery cancelled on the day of admission as pressure increases on hospitals

Dr Dave Triffitt was scheduled for cardiac surgery to treat a congenital heart condition on Wednesday last week but received a phone call on the day he was due for admission to the John Radcliffe Hospital to say the operation had been cancelled.

He said. "I got a phone call from the cardiothoracic secretary to explain that the hospital was on black alert and they would reschedule the surgery, but they couldn't really give me an idea of time."

Dr Triffitt added "Because of the nature of the operation I was going to be off for six to eight weeks so we had to get a locum in and cancel all my clinics.

"But as soon as I found out and had digested the information, I called my practice manager and explained what had happened and she put some clinics on for me today

"It's quite disruptive for the staff. All my colleagues have been great about it but they were surprised to see me back in work."

Dr Triffitt said that he had "underestimated how geared up you get for this kind of surgery"

"I think that's the big surprise," he said. "I had never appreciated on a personal level how destructive that is for people in these situations.

"It's not the kind of thing people come and talk to you about so having a personal experience of it really gives you an insight into how patients must be feeling."

Dr Dave Triffitt says he appreciates how his patients feel having had his own operation cancelled

Jailed for heinous sexual offences

A MAN has been jailed for 11 years for committing heinous sexual offences, one of which was against a child.

Peter England

Peter England, 39 of Quarry Road, Chadlington near Chipping Norton, was found guilty of two counts of rape and one count of sexual activity with a child after an eight day trial at Oxford Crown Court in November last year.

He was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment at The Old Bailey in London on Monday.

He will remain on the sex offenders' register for life and a sexual offences prevention order was also granted.

The offences took place in 2011 and in 2016 in Oxfordshire.

England was arrested in June 2016 and charged with the offences in April last year.

Investigating officer, Detective Constable Eddie Hurley said "I would like to thank the victim for coming forward and reporting the offences. She has shown incredible strength and bravery throughout this difficult period.

"I am satisfied that England has been given an appropriate sentence for his heinous crimes and the public will be protected from this dangerous offender."

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Join Winter Walk

A CHARITY is ringing in the new year with its fourth annual Winter Walk event at Blenheim Palace

People are invited to take in the beautiful grounds in Woodstock while raising money for Sobell House, Oxfordshire's largest hospice.

The event starts at 10.30am on Sunday and costs £16 per person under 12s are free

All proceeds from the event are donated to Sobell House as the hospice continues to work towards its target of raising an additional £4million to expand its services

The walk will start and finish at the Palace's Pleasure Gardens and is a suitable route for everyone

To register visit https://www.sobellhouse.org/winterwalk/

Building new homes

CONSTRUCTION work on 26 homes in Ducklington, near Witney, is under way

Deanfield Meadow in the centre of the village will consist of 14 private and 12 affordable homes

A number of homes will be available to buy off-plan from the spring

Developers Deanfield Homes will invest more than £200 000 into the village as part of the project

Cash will be used towards a new footpath linking the village to the recreation ground and contributions towards education and local community facilities

Driver guilty of sex assaults on three women

Vulnerable victims attacked in car

By Owen Hughes

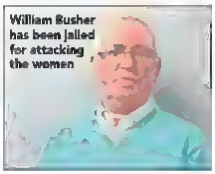
A TAXI driver for vulnerable adults who sexually assaulted three women with learning difficulties in south Oxfordshire has been sentenced to more than five years in prison.

William Busher, 69, of Long Lane Hillingdon, committed the sexual assaults on numerous occasions while working as a driver for vulnerable adults

He sexually assaulted the victims during journeys as he drove the three women to their day centres and places of work in the Henley-on-Thames area between February 2012 and June 2016.

He was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on Monday to a total of five years and four months imprisonment, placed on the Sex Offenders' Register indefinitely and was given a restraining order preventing him from contacting his victims

At a hearing in November Busher pleaded guilty to seven counts of sexual activity and two counts of inciting sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder impeding choice



William Busher has been jailed for attacking the women

Busher was charged with the offences on October 24 last year

Investigating officer Detective Constable Sophie Holliss, based at Cowley police station, said: "This has been a long and complex investigation involving three vulnerable victims with learning disabilities Busher abused his position of trust in order to take advantage of their vulnerabilities for his own sexual gratification.

"I would like to particularly thank the victims for their bravery in coming forward to report this"

A40 chaos after lorry overturns

AN overturned lorry on the A40 in west Oxfordshire caused chaos for commuters on Tuesday morning

Police closed both sides of the road between Burford, at Burford Roundabout, and Worsham, at the roundabout connecting with Burford Road. The crash happened shortly before 8am and there was no official diversion in place until the road reopened at midday

Police tweeted this image of the lorry being recovered shortly after 2.30am.

Modern facilities at new-look pavilion

WORK on the new long-awaited Thame Cricket Club pavilion will start this month.

The current pavilion in Church Meadow will be demolished and replaced by a new "fit for purpose" building with modern facilities

Chairman Matt Swan said he was "delighted" to announce work would start on site on Monday, January 15

He said: "The first part of the project will be to erect the new building which lies in front of the existing pavilion footprint.

"This will enable us to use the existing pavilion during the 2018 playing season. Toward the end of the season the existing building will be knocked down to form the new nets and car park area. All work is scheduled to be completed by the end of October"

He said the main contractor was Sports Clubhouses Ltd, who had worked "closely" with the club and Thame Town Council to get the project off the ground.

The new two-storey clubhouse will have a kitchen, bar and function room on both floors storage rooms, an office, changing rooms and a viewing terrace.

The footprint of the building would be slightly bigger than the current one and there will be 45 car parking spaces and 20 cycle spaces.

Plans for the new pavilion were approved in 2016

Advertorial

A moment with Nomsa Clara Mncube, Founder of Hope Spring Introduction Agency

Matchmaking in some cultures, both past and present is largely a professional endeavour and some cultures think of it as an essential one. In the past, matchmaking began as an informal means to connect potential mates based on factors such as cultural or social standing.

Today its now all changed thanks to technology and a more sophisticated approach. In the present, the advent of technology has forever changed the landscaped and effectiveness of the means of meeting a significant other. These digital dating systems have given rise to the professional matchmaker and is major advancement in the profession. Enter the world of cultural matchmaking with HSEIA Hope spring eternal introduction agency is the only exclusive traditional matchmaking agency in Henley On Thames, offering a discreet and entirely exclusive to clients of affluence. Dan Mason had an opportunity to chat with Nomsa Clara the founder of Hope Spring and get some insight into her firm, vision, its unique positioning and what Hope Spring offers to its global, affluent clients.

What inspire you to start a traditional Matchmaking service?

Coming from a well cultured family with a background of Psychology my inspiration came from my friends and family who were successful, affluent, intelligent and attractive but single and often had difficulties meeting the right type person. My entrepreneurial drive was born in 2012 when I discovered that an other company was providing a truly bespoke and exclusive matchmaking service. After seeing the gap in the market, I went to find the exclusive matchmaking service

What is the origin of the Hope Spring Eternal introduction Agency

The name Hope spring came about, after I realised there's still Hope out there for those who have given up dating. They are still good people out there but they are hard to find. There's everyone for everyone out there. I also named the company after my oldest daughter. The combination of your background as a Psychologist paired with technology is an idyllic match. How did your background inform how you structured your matchmaking process.

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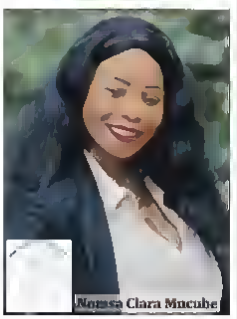

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Banbury pair face terrorism charges

A MAN and woman from Banbury are among a group of six people who have been charged with belonging to banned far right terror group National Action.

Adam Thomas, 21, and Claudia Patatas, 28, both of Waltham Gardens in Banbury, appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court on Tuesday.

West Midlands Police have charged six people with being "concerned in the commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism".

The arrests took place on January 3 after an investigation by the force.

Those charged with Thomas and Patatas are Nathan Pryke, 26, of Dartford Road, March, Cambridge; Darren Fletcher, 28, of Kitchen Lane, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton; Daniel Bogunovic, 28, of Crown Hills Rise, Leicester; and Joel Wilmore, 24, of Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport.

Thomas is also charged with possessing information likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism.

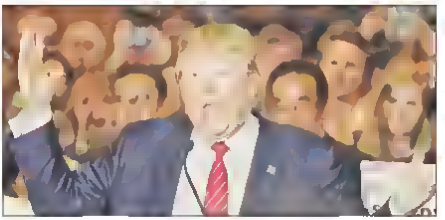
Fletcher is also charged with five counts of breaching an anti-social behaviour order.

A string of counter-terrorism units were involved in the operation from the West Midlands, north west, south east and east of England.

National Action became the first British neo-Nazi group to be banned after Home Secretary Amber Rudd said it was promoting violence and acts of terrorism.

Union calls for support for anti-Trump protest

By George Welch



A TRADE union is hoping people turn out in force to protest at United States President Donald Trump's anticipated visit to the UK next month.

Unite has said it will hold a rally outside Oxford train station on February 24, two days before President Trump is expected to open the new US embassy in London.

The group said it hopes hundreds of people will join in at 12 protests around the south east.

In a statement the union said: "Donald Trump has proven to be a truly divisive President. He promotes policies that are racist, Islamophobic and sexist.

"South East Unite promotes fairness, dignity and respect. We proudly work to build stronger communities and help empower people to organise and improve our lives collectively.

"We actively encourage inclusion, diversity and equality. Together we are the polar opposite to Trumpism."

Prime Minister Theresa May confirmed President Trump would make the trip to the UK on the BBC's Andrew Marr Show on Sunday, but it is unlikely to be a full state visit, meaning he probably won't meet the Queen. President Trump's visit is due to take place on February 26 and 27.

Unite added: "We aim to mobilise hundreds of people to send a clear message to Donald Trump and the UK Government – there is no place for politics of greed and hate in our country."

Protests across the region will take place between midday and 1.30pm. Leaflets and placards will be in evidence on the day.

In 2016, Oxford University researcher Dr Kevin Dutton ranked then US presidential hopeful Mr Trump above Adolf Hitler in a study of psychopathic traits in leaders.

He worked with political correspondents and official biographers for the research that analysed traits such as fearlessness, cold-heartedness and self-centred impulsivity.

President Trump claimed he was a "very stable genius" on Saturday after a critical biography questioning his fitness for office was released.

The book, Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House by American journalist Michael Wolff, was published on Friday.

The new £750million US embassy will open to the public on January 16 in Nine Elms before President Trump officially opens it next month.

InBrief

Radiohead deny suing

OXFORD band Radiohead have denied suing Lana Del Rey over claims that the American pop star copied their breakthrough hit Creep on the closing track Get Free on last year's Grammy Award-winning album Lust for Life.

The band's publishers have disputed her claims saying no legal action has been filed by them.

They are however seeking credit on the song.

The 32-year-old singer from New York took to social media over the weekend to tell fans "it's true about the lawsuit."

Bridge repair plan

PLANS to repair a pedestrian bridge over the River Ock might soon be under way after a spate of vandalism.

In November the wooden bridge leading from St Helen's Court into the Ock Valley Walk had to be closed following several incidents that led to the bridge becoming unsafe.

Since the closure, Abingdon Town Council has set aside funds to replace the bridge with a more robust construction to ensure it is safe for public use.

A spokesperson said: "[We] are currently consulting with The Environment Agency about whether their plans for flood alleviation would affect the construction of the new bridge."

Updates will follow on Abingdon Town Council website.

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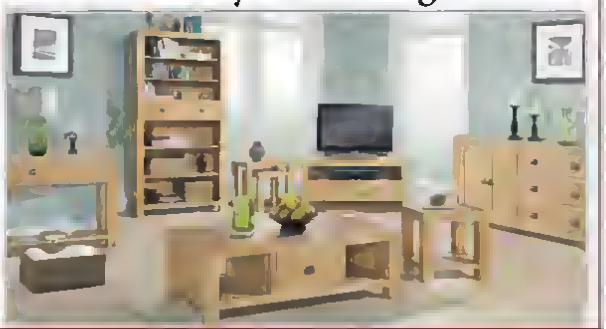
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News

£6.8m school in need of pupils to open its doors

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW £6.8million school is urging parents to register for a place so it can open its doors this year

Gagle Brook School was built at Elmsbrook, the first phase of the North West Bicester eco settlement in 2016 and was due to open that year but was delayed until 2017

It was postponed again due to low registration numbers.

Now it's in a race against time to get enough students signed up by this month's deadline.

Operator the White Horse Federation plans to open the school in September but said it was dependent on it "receiving sufficient first choice primary school applications by this month's deadline of 15 January".

More than 80 families had a chance to look around the new eco school just before Christmas as part of an open day to show potential pupils behind the scenes of the school.

In honour of the school's logo, a dragonfly collage was also created by everyone who attended the day

Gagle Brook's principal Alan Derry said: "We received wonderful feedback from everyone who attended our open day with people being impressed by the feel and finish of the school as well as the energy and effort that was put in to provide the children with engaging and educational activities

"However, our deadline is fast approaching, and our future now lies with parents showing their support for Gagle Brook by putting us down as their first choice.

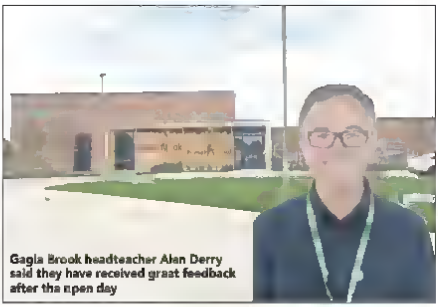
"We're very keen to open Gagle Brook this September

"As parents saw at the open day, we're ready to welcome our first classes and provide a top quality, environmentally conscious education – but we need parents to use their primary school application wisely to help us make this happen."

A consultation involving residents councillors and eco town developer A2Dominion decided to name the school after Gagle Brook which runs across the eco town sites

The first residents moved to Elmsbrook in 2016

For more information go to gaglebrook.org.uk



Gagle Brook headteacher Alan Derry said they have received great feedback after the open day

InBrief

BAFTA nominee

OXFORD actress Florence Pugh is in the running for a BAFTA Rising Star award.

The former Cokethorpe School, Wychwood School and St Edward's School student is one of five nominations

Miss Pugh, 22, was praised for her debut in The Falling in 2014 as well as 2016's Lady Macbeth which won her the Evening Standard's breakthrough of the year award.

She is up against fellow Brits Daniel Kaluuya (Get Out) and Josh O'Connor (Peaky Blinders The Durrells) and two American actors

The winner will be announced at this year's BAFTA's on February 18.

Abbey applications

BANDS can apply for a chance to perform in front of thousands of people at Abingdon's most popular annual event.

Musicians are invited to apply to join the line-up at Music at the Park at the Abbey Grounds on June 2 which regularly attracts around 3,500 fans.

To be considered, bands need to send a short resume including the band name and details of members, details of gigs in the last 12 months and a sample set list for a 45-minute performance.

Applications to be part of this event must be made by 5pm on February 14 and sent to louise.brown@abingdon.gov.uk.

Tools returned

MORE than 300 people were reunited with £20,000 worth of stolen power tools recovered by the police.

Victims of theft across South Oxfordshire and the Vale visited Abingdon police station over the weekend to take back what is rightfully theirs and receive crime prevention advice

The event was held after a police operation in December

As part of the event attendees were issued with crime prevention packs including UV markers and were able to speak to a member of the police team for a case update

Sergeant Lewis Boyce from the Vale problem solving team said: "We are delighted to be able to return [the] stolen property to its owners

"Further work is ongoing to reunite more of the recovered stolen property."

Wanted men found

POLICE have arrested two wanted men in connection with a string of burglaries and car thefts that occurred on the same day in Oxford last year

Lewis Felton, 27, and Kane Jones, 21, are in custody in connection with three burglaries that took place between 2.10am and 2.45am in the Marston area in November

They were arrested in Headington, Oxford, on Tuesday morning following a police appeal to find the two men.

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Thieves steal cigarettes in Co-op robbery

THIEVES broke into an Oxford Co-op and raided the cigarette cabinet in the early hours

The two men smashed the glass panel at the entrance of the Co-op in London Road, Headington, before making off with the stolen loot at around 4.15am on Wednesday last week.

Both offenders disguised their faces with scarves and were also wearing gloves during the robbery

The shop was closed at the time of the burglary and no one was injured.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Gareth Steward said, "Detectives are investigating the burglary and I would like to speak to anyone who saw anything in the area at the time which may assist our investigation.

"It is believed a motor vehicle was used to get to and from the scene

"I would like to speak to anyone who saw any vehicles which looked out of place or were being driven erratically in the area at the time of this incident."

Contact Thames Valley Police with any information by calling 101 and quoting 43150001863 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

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Sounds and smells of classics to fill streets

By Samantha McGregor

FINAL preparations are being made to welcome the iconic Monte Carlo Rally to the streets of Banbury

The north Oxfordshire town is hosting a passage control point for the famous Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and Classique

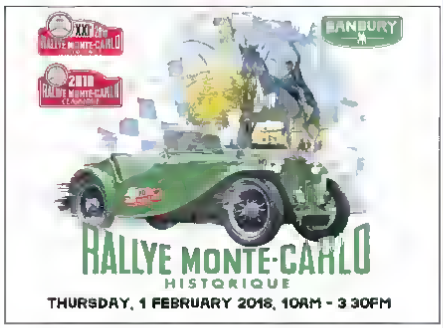
This event takes place on Thursday, February 1 when Bridge Street and Market Place will be filled with the sights, sounds and smells of a classic car display

It has been 50 years since the rally last stopped off in Banbury and organisers hope for a repeat of the 1962 visit when crowds filled Horsefair

A total of 27 vehicles will be in Banbury – the historique class features vehicles built between 1955 and 1980 while classique class includes vehicles built between 1911 and 1969

The event is being coordinated by Cherwell District Council, Banbury Town Council and Oxford Motor Club

Cherwell chairman Cllr Maurice Billington, said: "Motorsport is part of this region's DNA and I can't wait to hear the rumble of those classic cars echo around the town centre



"We will also be part of their adventure. When the historique rally last came to Banbury the streets were filled with people excited to see some fantastic cars

"Those cars are now beloved classics and I hope as many of you as possible will head in to town on February 1 to greet the intrepid rally drivers and give them a raucous send off."

Bicester's Blue Diamond Riley Services which has entered a 1949 MG TC into the classique rally will be servicing other rally vehicles during the stop in Bridge Street.

Other exhibitors include Pro-Drive, Brackley based BGM, and local classic car enthusiasts.

The event takes place between 10am and 3.30pm and rally vehicles will start leaving the town from 1.30pm at one-minute intervals

Flight Sergeant Bugsy Falstead, Flying Officer Harry Walker and Corporall Jack Cullip with some of the kits collected

MILITARY personnel from RAF Brize Norton have donated more than 130 football shirts to underprivileged children in some of the poorest countries in West Africa

The Joint Air Delivery Test and Evaluation Unit, based at RAF Brize Norton, handed over the shirts to charity KitAid on Thursday after kicking off their campaign with a 6-a-side Football Tournament in October last year

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KitAid gives a new home to once loved football kits by distributing them to those most in need of clothing donations in some of the poorest parts of the world

Personnel at JADTEU and Carterton Town FC have all donated kits to the charity s collection.

Flying Officer Harry Walker said: "I have been amazed at the level of generosity of my colleagues at JADTEU who have sourced kits boots and shin pads from not only their own homes, but from friends and family as well."

John Maxwell the regional coordinator for KitAid said: "I am extremely grateful for the help from RAF Brize Norton.

"I personally take the kit to West Africa and it is very much appreciated. I still see the same kits being worn by children from my very first donation delivery over seven years ago."

Lives changed thanks to new homeless cafe

By Eva Astremidou

A CHARITY offering a warm and comforting space for people to stay off the streets is taking steps to ensure there are enough funds to support rough sleepers

Homes4All is celebrating the opening of a café and gathering space at Cornmarket Street in Oxford, and say it has changed people s lives already

The charity s founder Deborah Robson Grey said people have been "lining up" every morning to make use of the space and relax during the cold winter days

She said. "It has been amazing. We are busy and bustling all day people are really enjoying it. It is absolutely a success and the homeless community itself is very engaged and tell us that it has already changed their lives."

She said people have been generously donating food and clothing items while people who are homeless come in to have a chat and relax on the sofas.

One of the service users, who has been homeless for four years will even be treated to a haircut this week, thanks to Oxford based charity Homeless Project.

The charity will run the service at the old Lush premises until the lease runs out at the end of January

In the meantime, the charity and its supporters are raising money to make sure plans to turn a double decker bus into a sleeping space for the homeless come to fruition

Last month, the charity bid for £20 000 of funding for the JumpStart bus proposals but was turned down by Oxford city councillors who said it did not have the funds for the project.

Homes4All has nevertheless decided to push ahead with its plans by spreading the word and organising fundraisers, with a running total of more than £1 700 so far

The charity is also planning to host a fundraising auction on January 27

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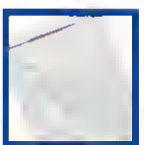
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Market marks success with its busiest sale

A VILLAGE market celebrated its anniversary in style with the "biggest and the busiest" sale so far

The Piddington Pantry a market and coffee shop based at the village hall was set up five years ago after the demise of the village pub

It meant the village hall was the only village amenity and the idea was born to create a shop and cafe where residents could meet, socialise and buy small items rather than having to drive into Bicester or Thame.

One of the organisers, Francesca Darby said: "We feel delighted and proud that a small rural community that had lost most of its amenities has managed to create and sustain such a successful initiative in tough times.

"But we know that The Pantry exists only because people want to come along and be part of it.

"We're never complacent about our success and work hard to make sure that each market is the best it can possibly be."

On sale day stalls included crafts and handmade gifts local produce including Piddington Village Apple Juice Piddington Cider and Piddington Chutney all made from village apples gathered at the Apple Days held in the village annually

Since the first market in December 2012, The Pantry has raised more than £10 000 for Piddington projects

This year The Pantry will hold markets on March 24 September 1 and December 1

The Pantry team, back from left, Margaret Pearce, Chris Weavers, Andrew Coleman and Ken Howard and front from left, Francesca Darby, Hazel Coleman and Karen Jay Picture *Samantha Phillips*

Outlook good for business

A SURVEY of businesses across Oxfordshire has revealed a high level of optimism in the county's 'world-leading' economy

Nearly 300 firms took part in the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP) survey with 79 per cent saying their business had good growth prospects

It also found that 68 per cent planned to hire staff in the next 12 months while 77 per cent agreed the county has "a vibrant, sustainable, inclusive and world-leading economy driven by innovation, enterprise and research excellence"

Oxford is in the top two cities for growth and the economy according to recent research from auditors PwC and law firm Irwin Mitchell.

OxLEP chief executive Nigel Tipple said the recent reports reaffirm Oxfordshire's position as a world-leading economic power This he said, demonstrates "dynamic growth

He said. "It is hugely encouraging to see such a high level of optimism among our business leaders with many of them expecting to expand their operations and hire new staff over the next year"

OxLEP will host a Q&A event for business leaders with guest speakers in Bicester later this month at the headquarters of baking company British Bakels in Granville Way on January 22

To sign up visit oxfordshirelep.com

Concert to raise cash for homeless

TWO groups of Oxfordshire musicians are aiming to beat the post-Christmas blues with a concert to help a homeless charity

The cheerful charity concert is being organised by Cllr Jeannette Matelot and will raise money for Homeless Oxfordshire a charity which helps people to find accommodation and supports their welfare

Taking place at Cornerstone in Didcot, the first half of the evening will be a performance by the Oxfordshire County Youth Big Band, which, formed 40 years ago, boasts three progressive big bands and three smaller jazz groups

Didcot Community Gospel Choir, which has up to 100 members and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year will perform in the second half.

Cllr Matelot, chair of South Oxfordshire District Council, has already raised more than £700 for Homeless Oxfordshire.

She said "I hope people are able to come along to enjoy and help raise money for those most in need of support and accommodation during the cold winter months."

The concert starts at 7 30pm on January 20 and tickets are available from 01235 515444 or at cornerstone-arts.org £15 per person, £13 concs

Vicar 'spiritually abused' boy, 15, in prayer sessions

By Eva Astreinidou

A VICAR has been convicted of spiritual abuse of a teenage boy during private prayer sessions in the boy s bedroom.

The Reverend Timothy Davis of Christ Church, Abingdon, faced a tribunal after moving in with the boy's family for six months in 2013

The Church of England vicar was accused of causing the teenager to be 'scared', trying to influence the boy and his relationship with his girlfriend, the panel heard.

During the prayer sessions in the boy's bedroom the tribunal heard how they laid hands on each other s head, shoulders, chest and back.

The Bishop s Disciplinary Tribunal ruled there was no 'sexual touching' and said it would fix a penalty in due course

Mr Davis lived with the family who were members of his congregation. He became a mentor to the 15 year-old boy in 2011

In its judgement, the tribunal said the teenager was "scared" by what Mr Davis was doing.

It said the vicar's "domination" of the boy amounted to "misconduct which was unbecoming and inappropriate" and caused the boy to be "deprived of his freedom of choice"

Mr Davis who is in his 50s, was suspended from his position in 2016 A psychiatrist told the tribunal he had been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder in September 2016

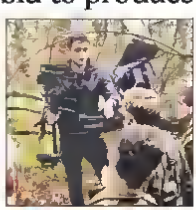
Film students' bid to produce WWII thriller

OXFORD students have kickstarted a campaign to raise funds to complete work on a new feature film set in 1940s occupied France.

Benjamin Exley a digital film production student at SAE Oxford, is planning to shoot his movie early this summer but needs to raise the minimum £10,000 to bring Die Jagd (The Hunt in German) to life.

Set during the Nazi occupation of France the film will follow the harrowing story of a group of allied soldiers held captive and subjected to a cruel and sadistic game led by the commanding officer

Benjamin said. "The film at this point is now a pure passion project, I m starting to get lots of people offering their time and skills to the project free of charge, just to see it made



Benjamin Exley has already shot the opening scenes for the film

"We are looking to shoot in the early summer of 2018 and have a rough version completed for August in time for my dissertation hand in, as this will be my dissertation piece."

Benjamin will write direct and shoot the film himself, with fellow students filling the remaining crew roles such as producer editor and camera operator

A Kickstarter campaign is due to go live in February to raise the minimum needed for the project, but Benjamin hopes to raise £20 000 to get use of quality sets, equipment and to hire and record a full orchestra.

Filming will take place in the Midlands with the coastal scenes likely to be shot in Cornwall.

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Choose a charity for us to support

By George Welch

HERE at the Oxfordshire Guardian and The Oxford Paper we are calling on our readers and partners to nominate inspiring charities to help us choose our Charity of the Year for 2018

Oxfordshire has an shortage of admirable good causes and we are welcoming nominations until January 31, when we will then decide which charity we should back for the year

Choices can be based on anything, from personal experiences or friends' experiences, to liking the sound of the work they do or relevance to current issues across the county

We are looking to publicise the work of a charity through the production of engaging material for our readers to be featured on at least a monthly basis

So if you know of a charity that deserves greater recognition please do get in touch.

Group editor Karen Neville said, "There are so many worthy charities around the county doing so much good work often with very little publicity or recognition, what we are aiming to do is give them a helping hand by promoting their work in the community

"Most people have a cause that is dear to their heart for a particular reason and we want to hear about it, so please do get in touch."

Didcot-based fundraising group Play2Give was our Charity of the Year for 2017 and, together we helped raise nearly £20 000 – almost double founder Andy Baker a £10,000 target for the group's 10th anniversary

Karen added, "Play2Give is a terrific example of the work that can be done to help people and we hope this year's charity can go on to achieve the success they have experienced."

Andy 29 said, "The partnership with this paper was for us hugely beneficial. When we set out with this paper's help with our £10k in 10 appeal we never dreamt we would raise £19,630 by the end of the year so the partnership proved immensely beneficial.

"We thank the staff who also threw themselves into raising funds such as reporter George with a half marathon and the production manager's (Peter Herring) skydive.

"2017 was the most successful year for Play2Give ever, and we think part of that was thanks to the paper for helping make our milestone year extra special."

To nominate a charity email us at newsto oxfordshireguardian co uk, putting Charity 2018 in the subject line.

Findars Keepers staff help out in the Sobell House garden – tha agant's property owners have donated a day's rent

Property owners £6k boost for hospice

MORE than £6,000 was raised for an Oxford hospice through donations of a day s rent from property owners

Letting agent Finders Keepers asked the owners of properties it nanages on their behalf to give the cash to its charity of the year.

After contacting landlords in November last year the cash for Sobell House Hospice was raised within six weeks.

Finders Keepers managing director Dan Channer thought up the idea.

He said "The idea felt really straightforward. if each landlord donated a day's rent to support our team's activities we could raise thousands

"We asked all of our owners whether they would like to opt-in to the campaign and were thrilled with the response

"The amount we've raised has exceeded our expectations so we are absolutely delighted."

Some owners who had more than one property insisted the donation came from the rent that would deliver the largest financially

Mr Channer added that Sobell House, located at the Churchill Hospital, provides an "invaluable" service to the community

Finders Keepers which has branches in Banbury, Witney, Bicester Abingdon and four in Oxford, choose a charity of the year every two years.

This is the second time Sobell House, which provides specialist palliative care and support to around 3 000 adult patients and their families each year has been chosen

Tim Wraith, corporate partnership manager at the hospice said staff were "overwhelmed" by the support.

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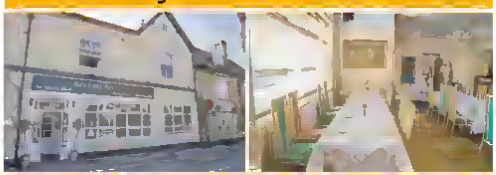

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Sad goodbye for Citizens Advice boss

THE new head of Witney's Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire thanked the outgoing chief officer for her "brilliant work" after 21 years with the charity

Barbara Shaw joined the organisation based at The Old Printhouse in Witney as a volunteer and was chief officer for 15 years prior to her retirement last year

Barbara, who described working for the organisation as "a real honour", said, "It will be sad to say goodbye to such a brilliant and passionate team, which I'm sure will continue to deliver a much needed service to the people of west Oxfordshire."

New head of the service Teresa Archer led staff and volunteers at a team party last month in thanking the departing boss for her hard work supporting the communities of west Oxfordshire

She said, "Working with Barbara in the past few years has been fantastic her commitment to the organisation has meant we are able to consistently support our communities in west Oxfordshire and I look forward to taking her brilliant work forward."

Nick Green, chair of the trustee board, said, "Her leadership has helped ensure CAWO is able to effectively help our local communities and those people who need our services most."

More than 4 700 residents in the area received support from Citizens Advice in the last financial year on issues such as employment, consumer, housing, education, debt and welfare.

Barbara will remain a trustee with the organisation and continue to be involved in Citizens Advice work nationally

Barbara Shaw, laft, is handing over tha reins to Teresa Archer

Helping new mums relax and get in shape

FITNESS classes launching in Witney and Chipping Norton next week could help new mums to kick the baby blues.

Mums in need of a little de stressing can sign up for new postnatal fitness classes and won t need to head over backwards to find childcare as babies and toddlers are especially welcome

One FitMama instructor and mum of two Carlene Whitehead, 31, whose background is in marketing and science, wanted to help new mums who were going through a tough time after finding the exercise classes helped with her own postnatal depression.

She said, "I m a military wife so I don't really have that many friends around anyway but just doing the exercises and getting out and doing something really helped me not feel so lonely"

Carlene added that the 45 minute sessions are designed for women who have had issues after childbirth, such as C-sections or pelvic floor issues but can be tailored for any mum s needs.

"We try to do classes that are really friendly and mums can bring their babies and toddlers with them so they don't need to worry" she said.

Mother and baby/toddler classes will take place at Ceewood Hall, Witney on Tuesdays and Salford Village Hall, Chipping Norton on Thursdays with further details online at onefitmama co uk.

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Lab searches for unexploded bombs

By Owen Hughes

AN Oxfordshire lab has begun tracking down unexploded wartime bombs in the North Sea to ease future renewable energy projects.

Engineers at HR Wallingford are working with specialists from the University of Rostock in Germany to use their Fast Flow Facility at Howbery Business Park to gather data that could help predict the movement of unexploded ordnance (UXO) drifting in the ocean north of the UK.

Not knowing the precise locations of the lost wartime devices presents a hazard to renewable energy projects during the laying of cables to bring offshore wind energy to the shore.

The facility in Wallingford is one of the largest marine test facilities in the world at 75 metres long and holds a million litres of water.

Professor Richard Whitehouse, chief technical director, said: "Our Fast Flow Facility provides a controlled environment in which to evaluate the effects of currents on full-sized UXO, and so provide the University of Rostock with validated data across a range of flow conditions, burial depths and mobilisation speeds."

The University of Rostock provided a model of a 1:1 scale 250lb Second World War bomb and other typical unexploded ordnance at 1:2 scale for testing at the facility.

Electricity supplier TenneT has provided funding for the investigation, with Dr Anja Drews adding that the research will improve "safety by quantifying, and thereby minimising, the risk to people and equipment."

1:1 scale model of a Second World War bomb being tested at Howbery Business Park by HR Wallingford for the University of Rostock and electricity supplier, TenneT

Have you got an Ali McBeagle or a Geoffrey Boycat at home?

BELLE, Rocky and Tigger were among the most popular pet names of 2017, according to an Oxfordshire based pet charity.

Charlie wasn't prepared to roll over as it remained top of the list for male cats and leapt ahead of Max to take the lead as the most popular name for dogs, while Bella sat and stayed at the top of the list for female dog names.

It was all change this year for the top girl cat names as Luna strayed all the way from seventh to eclipse Poppy at the top.

Blue Cross put the top 20 lists together after looking at all the names of pets that have been helped by the charity from its rehoming centres to its veterinary hospitals.

There were no beasts in the way for Belle as the popular Disney princess's name crept into the top 20 dog names for the first time after the box office success of last year's fantasy remake.

The Burford-based charity also announced that Huggs (female dogs), Tatty (male dogs), Tee (female cats) and Geoffrey Boycat (male cats) were the unique pet names to cross their path in the past 12 months.

Other more unusual names featured were Ali McBeagle, Mr Bumblebee, Hungry Hippo, Spaghetti, Hokey Cokey and Earl Gray.

Blue Cross said it hopes the list will provide inspiration for "a new addition to your family in 2018" and suggested visiting its website to find pets seeking a new home at bluecross.org.uk.

What would you call a pet rehomed from Blue Cross?

InBrief

GWP youth project

A PUBLIC meeting will be held ahead of an Easter youth project at Great Western Park in Didcot.

The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association is on the lookout for people to help youngsters at the west Didcot housing development.

Those interested should be able to spare an hour at least once a month.

The meeting will be held at The Pavilion at Boundary Park on Monday, January 29 at 7pm.

Contact oxfordshire@boys-brigade.org.uk for more.

Tech 'part of life'

THE 'common' perception that technology is taking over children's lives and forcing out other activities may be untrue, according to Oxford University research.

Despite spending increasing amounts of time on screen-based devices much like adults, children adapt their behaviours to include devices and do all the things that they would do anyway, the study released last month revealed.

According to researcher Killian Mullan, children integrate tech into daily activities such as homework and playing with friends.

She said: "The time children spend using digital devices sounds huge. But when you break it down, you can see how children have embedded tech in their daily activities."

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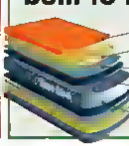

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News

Emergency first aid tips for bikers

By George Welch

MORE free sessions educating people on how to provide emergency first aid for bikers will be provided by Oxfordshire's fire service following an increase in the number of fatalities.

While the number of deaths on Oxfordshire's roads fell from 32 in 2016 to 23 in the last 12 months, the number of motorcyclists killed rose from three to eight – accounting for more than a third of road deaths in 2017.

The service's road safety education team holds regular Biker Down workshops for road users to learn what to do if they are the first person at the scene of an incident – particularly one involving a motorcyclist.

The workshops deliver basic first aid training, including when and how to remove a rider's helmet.

Road safety team leader Andy Ford said, "While it's obviously good that the overall number of people killed on our roads is reducing, it's a concern to see a rise in the number of biker fatalities.

"Compared with other road users, motorcyclists will always be more vulnerable to serious injury in a road collision or when losing control of their vehicle.

"No matter how long you've been a biker, you're never too good and there are always new things you can learn from further training – both in terms of how you can help at the scene of an incident and how you can be a safer rider."

One of the motorcyclists to die last year was 18-year-old Luke Portsmouth, whose inquest will take place on January 24.

The teenager died after crashing his black Kawasaki ZX series motorcycle into a lamppost on Tythrop Way, near his hometown of Thame in August.

Mr Ford, an experienced motorcyclist, recently attended a bike safety course run by Thames Valley Police and said he "certainly benefited from the extra training I have attended".

Firefighter Nathan Crockford carries out a demonstration with a colleague at a recent Biker Down workshop

To register interest in attending a Biker Down workshop and go on a waiting list for notification of the 2018 dates and venues, email bikerdown@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Helicopter contract will continue supporting vital operations

TWENTY-FIVE jobs essential to the future of RAF Benson have been saved thanks to a renewal of vital helicopter training worth £100million.

Airbus Helicopters will keep the roles there and at its base at Oxford Airport following the decision to continue supporting the RAF Puma 2 fleet.

The contract for this work is worth an initial £100million and will give technical and logistics support until March 2022 with the option to extend until March 2025.

The contract will provide repair and overhaul services to the helicopters together with training to all Puma technicians as well as engineering managers.

Henley's MP John Howell is "delighted" about the awarding of the contract.

He said, "We only have to look at the contribution that these aircraft have made to operations around the world, whether deploying in Afghanistan in support of Operation Toral or supporting vital aid in the Caribbean following the recent hurricane disasters, the Pumas have shown [that] they make an ideal platform to support special forces."

Ian Morris, head of UK defence programmes at Airbus Helicopters, said, "This re-affirms the confidence that the MoD has in the aircraft and in Airbus [which] will allow the Puma to continue to support our forces on operations in very demanding conditions."

InBrief

Scouts card boost

WANTAGE and Grove Scouts raised £3 600 from their Christmas card post service.

Volunteers collected, sorted and delivered around 11,300 Christmas cards to the community with the money raised used to improve activities for beaver, cub, scout and explorer sections.

Volunteers also delivered a card to every household on behalf of the Wantage and Grove Church.

Top primary school

A PRIMARY school in Oxfordshire has made it into a list of the country's top schools.

Great Tew Primary School was listed in Tatler's annual State Schools guide among schools that are "the cream of the country's crop".

The school site still has 17th century thatched cottages and is described as something out of Hansel and Gretel.

Tatler said, "The primary is tiny so there's a lovely family atmosphere, and all ages play happily together. One mother raves about her heavenly school run – some pupils commute on their ponies. At pick-up children run out of the gates to play on the village green or head to the Sweetpeas café for hot chocolate."

The primary school currently has 98 pupils, a mix of girls and boys aged 4-11.

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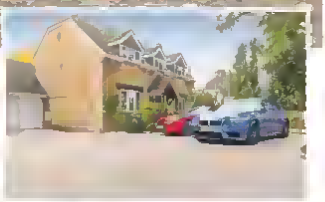

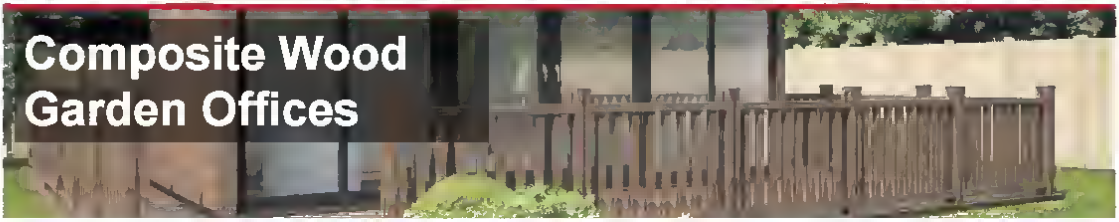

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Raising the roof in new production

By Samantha McGregor

OXFORD Operatic Society is putting the finishing touches to its latest production, Fiddler on the Roof.

The musical will be brought to life at the Oxford Playhouse from Monday January 15 until Saturday January 20.

Fiddler on the Roof is a highly successful production, making its debut on Broadway in 1964.

It was later made into a successful Academy-award winning film starring Israeli actor Chaim Topol known as Topol.

To date Fiddler on the Roof has won nine Tony Awards including best musical score book and direction.

In 1972 the show won a special Tony Award for being the longest-running musical in Broadway history.

Set in 1905 the story follows Tevye, a poor Jewish milkman who lives in a small Ukrainian village with his sharp-tongued wife and their strong-minded daughters who wish to marry for love.

But as a rapidly changing world threatens to displace them is all their squabbling for nothing?

Fiddler on the Roof explores the themes of tradition and religion and is set against the oppression at czarist Russia.

Taking the iconic lead role of Tevye is Steve Mellin who will be joined on stage by his two sons.

Steve said: "Tevye is so multi-faceted it makes the role really interesting to explore.

"He is funny and cheeky yet quick tempered and harsh he is traditional and strong yet open-minded and vulnerable."

From left, Marilyn Moore, Jo Lainchbury, Neela Nee, Saffi Needman, Steve Mellin, Lilly Partridge and Hannah Mullan

This show also features a host of hits including If I Were a Rich Man, Matchmaker and Sunrise Sunset.

Oxford Operatic Society was founded in 1907 and regularly performs in both the Oxford Playhouse and New Theatre.

Previous shows include Avenue Q, Oliver and Sunset Boulevard. Their next production in May/June is 9 to 5 The Musical.

Tickets for Fiddler on the Roof at Oxford Playhouse start at £10 and are available from the ticket office on 01865 305305 or go to oxfordplayhouse.com

On stage

Doing it Frank's way

Direct from Las Vegas, the iconic music of Frank Sinatra is brought to life once again at the Oxford New Theatre by world renowned vocalist Stephen Triffitt on February 3.

Backed by the sound of big band swing Triffitt is the voice of Frank Sinatra. He starred as the legendary entertainer for three seasons in Las Vegas and played him in the West End production of The Rat Pack Live.

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Dry-ing up on stage

Catch Human Story Theatre's production Dry at the Old Fire Station, from tonight until Saturday.

The Wilsons may be middle class and middle aged but there's nothing middling about their alcohol intake. Can they get it under control before it tears their family apart?

Go to humanstorytheatre.com

Folk club debut

Folk singer and songwriter Louise Jordan makes her Oxford Folk Club debut tomorrow at 8.30pm.

Fresh from touring with her one woman show No Petticoats Here about First World War women, Louise will perform work from the show as well as tradit onal folk songs.

Tickets £6 on the door at The White House, Abingdon Road Oxford, or oxfordfolkclub.com

Comedy from a disaster

THE West End's Olivier Award-winning box office hit The Play That Goes Wrong returns to Oxford this month

The comedy stops off at the Oxford Playhouse from Monday January 22 until Saturday January 27 as part of a UK tour

The play is set around The Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society who are attempting to put on a 1920s murder mystery

But everything that can go wrong does: doors stick, floors collapse, props fall from the walls, actors forget their lines, miss cues and one even gets knocked unconscious all as the accident-prone thespians battle on against all the odds to get to their final curtain call

The show has won 11 international awards including the 2015 Olivier Award for Best New Comedy and a 2017 Tony Award for its Broadway transfer

The Play That Goes Wrong is a highly physical comedy packed with finely-tuned farce and Buster Keaton inspired slapstick delivered with split second timing

Directed by Mark Bell and co-written by Mischief Theatre The Play That Goes Wrong is a remarkable rags-to-riches story

It started its life at a London fringe venue with only four paying audience members at the first performance and has since played to almost one-and-a half million people worldwide

Tickets for The Play That Goes Wrong at Oxford Playhouse start at £10 and are available from the ticket office on 01865 305305 or go to oxfordplayhouse.com

Someone *very* like Adele

FORMER X-Factor finalist Katie Markham is set to take to the stage as her idol Adele

As part of a BBC special, Katie got to perform live with Adele on stage in London and now she has been selected to perform as the lead role in Someone Like You – a concert production recreating the magic of Adele's music from the three hit albums 19, 21 and 25.

This new show comes to Oxford's New Theatre on February 10.

It will include the smash hits Chasing Pavements, Make You Feel my Love, Set Fire to the Rain, Someone Like You, Rolling in the Deep, Hello and the multi-mill on selling Skyfall as well as featuring a selection of songs by some of the legends that inspired Adele.

Katie said: "Adele said she watched my audition and loved it. Being involved in the BBC show was an incredible experience.

"I never thought I would get to meet Adele, let alone sing with her and take part in one of the biggest shows of her career.

"I absolutely love Adele – how she flips her voice and the raw emotion in her songs.

"If there are any songs written for me to sing, it's her music. I can't wait to bring the same depth and emotion to the Someone Like You show."

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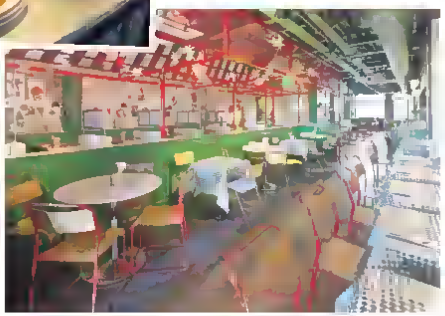

OXFORD S exciting new retail centre Westgate has been pulling in the crowds not just with its shops but also with its variety of restaurants

One which has certainly proved a popular place to eat in the few weeks it has been open is Pizza Pilgrims

The restaurant is the first outside London for brothers Thom and James Elliot and combines classic Italian flavours with their signature colourful interiors

Decked out in Pizza Pilgrims style of green and white checked tablecloths a foosball table and classic arcade games there is also a parmesan photo booth and a Piaggio Ape van

On to the main course – the food itself and the day we stopped by for lunch it was proving to be a very popular spot indeed

The quirky interior reflects the lively busy atmosphere in which several dozen diners were eagerly tucking in

We opted for two of our favourites – Salami and the Calzone Ripieno

Renowned for their simple high quality and traditional Neapolitan pizzas all are made with authentic ingredients from Italy and cooked in pizza ovens running at 450C and cooked to perfection

The Salami pizza is the best choice for meat lovers Using authentic Neapolitan black pepper salami – this gives a real meat hit and boasted a delicious and light high crust The mozzarella was delightfully stringy and the salami gave enough of a punch without knocking you out.

The calzone is ever so slightly different from others you may have had It is a still a folded pizza (the pizza equivalent of a Cornish pasty if you will) stuffed with glorious things like ricotta and salami – but it is also topped with Fior di Latte cow's milk mozzarella and tomato sauce

This is billed as the hungry person s choice and having eaten it I think we d agree with that – packed full of ingredients there were some surprising flavours that we really enjoyed and 'fought' our way through to the end

We chose a bottle of the house white which was light and fruity and a good accompaniment to the pizzas

When in Rome as they say so it was Tiramisu for dessert which was deliciously opulent oozing cream and with a rich coffee and chocolate flavour

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Karen Neville

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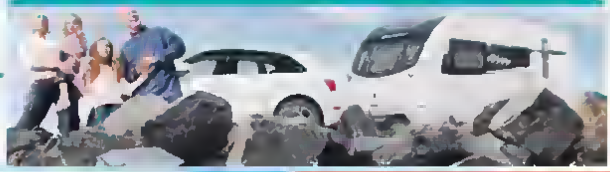

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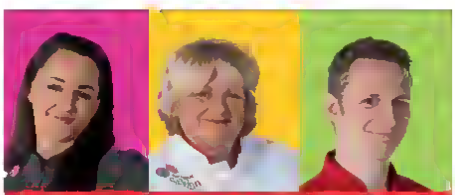

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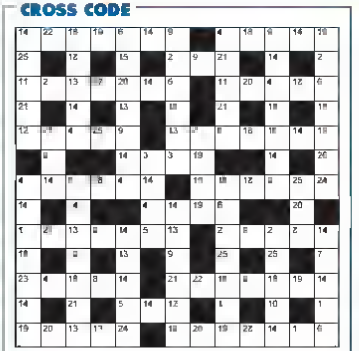


ABCDEFGHIJKLMHOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the central grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and central grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

THIS DUNCE CURED IT

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.

Quiz Challenge

1. **What is the profession of actor George Clooney's wife Amal Alamuddin?**
2. **Which mixer drink is flavoured with quinine?**
3. **The American crime drama TV series The Wire is set in which US city?**
4. **What 12-letter R word is the national flower of Nepal?**
5. **Who played Daniel Cleaver opposite Renee Zellwager's character in the first two Bridget Jones movies?**
6. **Together with Flavio Briatore, F1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone owned which English football club from 2007 to 2011?**
7. **According to philosopher Karl Marx, what is "the opium of the people"?**
8. **"But why m spite of our age difference do I cry" is a lyric from which Gilbert O'Sullivan hit song?**
9. **Aviophobia is the fear of what?**
10. **Jueves is the Spanish word for which day of the week?**

NONAGRAM

S	U	P
F	R	O
R	O	T

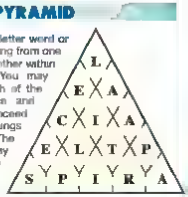
How many words of four letters or more can you make from the Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
20 Good; 23 Very Good; 27 Excellent

Any word found in the Chambers Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where one/two variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.



FIVE ALIVE

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TE		UA		EM
AS	EO	RN	DT	SA

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

SUDOKU

Easy Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 and so must each 3 x 3 box. **Hard**

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EQUALISER

9 5

6 ◯ 2 ◯ 3

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14 ◯ 2 ◯ 4

1 1

Place the four signs (add subtract, multiply divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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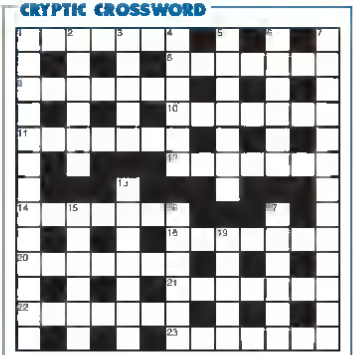

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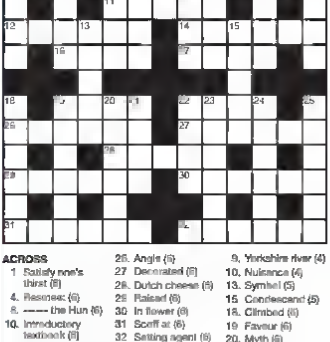

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6. Cure (6)
7 Renting (6)
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SOLUTIONS

QUIZ CHALLENGE: 1 Barrister 2 Tonic water 3 Baltimore 4 Rhododendron 5 Hugh Grant 6 Queens Park Rangers 7 Religion 8 Clair de Lune 9 Flying 10 Thursday.

CROSS CODE

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MAGIC SQUARE

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Diagonals from top left: double rule; classic.

WORD PYRAMID

A partial eclipse

EQUALISER

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FIVE ALIVE:
Across – 1 Lawyer; 5 Ballroom; 8 Lyric; 9 Ukulele; 10 Tenor; 11 Chorus; 12 Tune.
Down – 1 Lullaby; 2 Tango; 3 Dance; 4 Tenor; 6 Opera; 7 Minuet; 8 Lute.

NONAGRAM:
Sample words: Fort, Fur, Fro, Fros, Fort, Fur, Fro, Fros, Fort, Fur, Fro, Fros,

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Thursday January 11th

BBC 1

TOP TV

9.00pm Death in Paradise

MORNING

9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

AFTERNOON

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

EVENING

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Big Cats
9.00pm Death in Paradise
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Question Time
11.45pm This Week
12.30am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.35am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

4.15pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live
12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Coast
1.15pm Brazil with Michael Palin
2.15pm Himalaya with Michael Palin
3.15pm The Great British Winter
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5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
7.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
8.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
9.00pm A House Through Time
10.00pm Live at the Apollo
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Michael Palin: A Life on Screen
12.15am Labour: The Summer that Changed Everything
1.15am Imagine...
2.20am This is BBC Two
6.00am Flog It! Trade Secrets

ITV

7.00pm Emmerdale

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning
12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Tonight
8.00pm Emmerdale
8.30pm The Cruise
9.00pm Transformation Street
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Great Art
11.45pm Joanna Lumley's Postcards
12.10am Jackpot247
3.00am Tonight
3.25am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

10.35pm The Undateables

7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.00am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Dans
5.00pm Come Dine with Me

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1.30am Food Unwrapped: Diet Special
2.30am How to Retire at 40
3.00am Grand Designs
3.55am Coast v Country

Channel 5

2.15pm NUTS

8.20am Rusty Rivets
8.25am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Gifs, Behind Closed Doors
12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Dear Diary, I Died
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Baby Ballroom
8.00pm Big Family Values: Mums Kids Then Cash
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Celebrity 100% Hosted
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am Gifs, Behind Closed Doors
4.00am How That's Funny!
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

Friday January 12th

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11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

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7.30pm A Question of Sport
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Room 101
9.00pm Would I Lie to You?
9.30pm Mrs Brown's Boys
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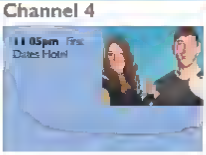

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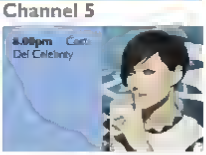

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ADVERTORIAL

Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

Paul King Head of April King Legal

1. Care Cost Fees

A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life their assets will be means-tested by the local authority to help pay for these services This goes back to the Community Care Act 1990, which came into force in 1993.

If someone requires social care in later life, the local authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250 when the local authority will take over the fees.

Paul knows this all too well, after experiencing this personally *"My own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her*

When she needed care in the last six years of her life because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate were counted in the local authority's means test.

Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the local authority get it all?'

Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 – and that's all that her children inherited."

There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true

Local authorities will actually look to see if you've deliberately deprived yourself of an asset by giving property away going back over any period in time

Sometimes people think if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe.

This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not local authority care.

The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place.

Paul continues: *"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife my grandmother was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills*

If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would have only been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe

Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?

The important factor is that couples need to act in advance Once one party dies or loses mental capacity through a stroke for example, they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning

It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain a further important point Most clients he sees are surprised to learn that remarriage usually cancels a will and makes the new spouse next in line to inherit ahead of their own children!

Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

It's another important reason for home-owning couples to upgrade to a Property Trust Will.

2. Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard "mirror wills" with other firms before approaching the firm. A mirror will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death then to the children when the second partner dies But modern family life means these type of wills leave a lot to chance

Explains Paul. *"If I have a mirror will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the local authority are likely to inherit most if not all of my estate ahead of my children*

Even if my children are named in my mirror will it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything

Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin. This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit.

The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a mirror will If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance

Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work!

I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has Bloodline trusts will give greater protection to your children."

Paul continues: *"These things can be avoided by having a bloodline trusts will Under these types of wills your children have complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you but give added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life The wording in these wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."*

3. Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a will that deals with their estate on death, and a lasting power of attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime " he says

The lasting power of attorney is a relatively new introduction and is divided into two parts – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise It allows the attorneys perhaps the children to deal with banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they receive care. Your attorneys again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently and April King advises on the various options available

Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a lasting power of attorney document

Having a lasting power of attorney removes the burden on children should ill-health happen further down the line It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death. Crucially, you have to complete a lasting power of attorney while they are still in good mental health.

If someone becomes ill through say a stroke or dementia this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family

Once again, all adults should be thinking of this particularly where there are children or a business involved It's not just something to think about when you get older that's the challenge for us

People think 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a power of attorney?'

But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance Paul adds *"The next part is to appoint the attorneys your children. Don't forget, your children can be the executors of your will and attorneys as well The lasting power of attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it. Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."*

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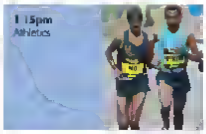

MORNING

10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Mary Berry Everyday

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Athletics
3.15pm Money for Nothing
4.00pm Final Score
5.10pm Celebrity Mastermind
5.40pm BBC News
5.50pm Regional News and Weather

EVENING

6.00pm And They're Off... for Sport Relief
8.00pm Pointless
7.25pm Wedding Day Winners
8.25pm Casualty
9.15pm BBC News
9.35pm Have I Sun
10.30pm Match of the Day
11.55pm The NFL Show
12.25am Mister John
1.55am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.00am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

MORNING

8.00am The Dengineers
8.30am Deadly Top 10
9.00am Robot Wars
10.00am Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge
11.50am Pets: Wild at Heart

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
1.00pm A Vicar's Life
1.30pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble
2.30pm Rome Unpacked
3.30pm Brendan Foster: A Life in Athletics
4.15pm Flog It!
5.00pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
5.30pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good

EVENING

6.00pm Hugh's Wild West
7.00pm A House Through Time
8.00pm Dad's Army
8.30pm Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
9.00pm Live at the Apollo
9.45pm QI XL
10.30pm Madonna: Rebel Heart Tour
12.30am Night Train to Lisbon
2.15am This is BBC Two
6.00am Closet

ITV

MORNING

9.00am Wishbart
9.35am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.25am Save Money: Good Food
11.55am Countrywise

AFTERNOON

12.25pm ITV News
12.35pm Dancing on Ice
2.30pm Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home
4.20pm The Chase
5.20pm ITV News London
5.30pm ITV News
5.45pm The Brits are Coming 2018

EVENING

6.45pm Take Me Out
8.00pm The Voice UK
9.30pm Through the Keyhole
10.25pm ITV News
10.45pm Jaws 2
12.45am Jackpot247
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6.10am Bottom Knocker Street
6.35am Dino Daris
6.00am Super 4

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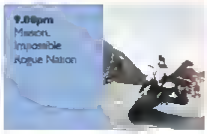


MORNING

7.15am King of Queens
7.40am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.35am Frasier
10.00am The Big Bang Theory
11.30am The Simpsons

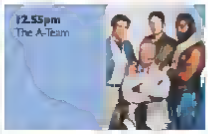
AFTERNOON

1.00pm Come Dine with Me
2.00pm Darts
6.00pm A Place in the Sun
6.30pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Spying on the Royals
8.00pm Queen Victoria's Last Love
9.00pm Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation
11.40pm Transporter 2
1.20am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

EVENING

2.10am Hollyoaks Omnibus
4.15am Coast v Country
5.10am The Autistic Gardener
6.00am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures
8.10am King of Queens

Channel 5



MORNING

9.40am Digby Dragon
9.55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.30am Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud
10.35am Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits
11.55am Police Interceptors

AFTERNOON

12.55pm The A-Team
3.00pm FIA Formula E
5.15pm Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud

EVENING

6.10pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
7.00pm Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind-Ups
8.00pm Blind Date
9.00pm Football on 5
10.30pm Celebrity Big Brother
11.30pm Lip Sync Battle UK
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am Jonah Hex
4.30am Access
4.40am House Doctor
5.00am Wildlife SOS
5.35am Nick's Quest

Sunday January 14th

BBC 1

MORNING

7.30am Match of the Day
9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
10.00am The Big Questions
11.00am Sunday Politics

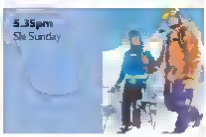
AFTERNOON

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Money for Nothing
2.00pm Escape to the Country
2.30pm The Truth About Looking Good
3.30pm Big Cats
4.30pm Songs of Praise
5.05pm Attenborough and the Sea Dragon

EVENING

6.05pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News and Weather
6.30pm Countryfile
7.30pm Still Open All Hours
8.00pm The Commentators
9.00pm McMafia
10.00pm BBC News
10.20pm Regional News and Weather
10.30pm Match of the Day 2
11.30pm Mrs Like Mrbean
12.15am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.20am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2



MORNING

8.15am Greatest Gardens
8.00am Countryfile
9.45am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.10am Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well
11.45am Food and Drink

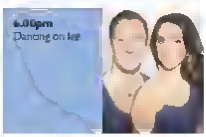
AFTERNOON

12.15pm MOTD2 Extra
1.00pm Masters Snooker
5.35pm Ski Sunday

EVENING

8.30pm Mr Holmes
8.00pm Yellowstone
9.00pm Dragons' Den
10.00pm The Wales' Dinner
11.45pm Masters Snooker Highlights
12.35am Masters Snooker Extra
2.35am Question Time
3.35am Holby City
4.35am This is BBC Two
6.00am Flog It! Trade Secrets
6.30am The Farmers' Country Showdown

ITV



MORNING

8.30am Spy School
9.00am Wishbart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am River Monsters
10.00am Peston on Sunday
11.00am The Martin Lewis Money Show Live

AFTERNOON

12.00pm The Voice UK
1.30pm ITV News
1.40pm Britain's Brightest Family
2.10pm The Cruise
2.40pm Death Becomes Her
4.35pm ITV News London
4.45pm ITV News
5.00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special

EVENING

6.00pm Dancing on Ice
8.00pm Vera
10.00pm ITV News
10.15pm Peston on Sunday
11.10pm Next of Kin
12.05am Great Art
1.00am Jackpot247
3.00am Sunday Night at the Palladium
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

MORNING

7.00am Everybody Loves Raymond
7.55am Frasier
9.30am Sunday Brunch

AFTERNOON

12.30pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
1.00pm The Simpsons
2.05pm Time Team Two by Two
3.00pm Channel 4 News
4.15pm Darts

EVENING

8.00pm The Biggest Little Railway in the World
9.00pm SAS: Who Dares Wins
10.00pm The Big Fat Quiz of Everything
12.00am Killing Them Softly
1.45am Grand Designs
2.40am Location, Location, Location
3.35am KOTV Boxing Weekly
4.00am Gillette World Sport
4.30am Coast v Country
5.25am How to Stay Well
5.50am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures
5.55am 3rd Rock from the Sun

Channel 5

MORNING

9.00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.10am Shimmer and Shine
9.25am Digby Dragon
9.45am Peppa Pig
10.00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.35am Football on 5

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Blind Date
1.00pm Will and Grace
1.30pm Are We There Yet?
3.15pm Dennis Strikes Again
4.40pm Garfield 2: A Tail of Two Kitties

EVENING

6.10pm Fixers
7.10pm 5 News
7.15pm Fixers
8.00pm Billionaire Babies: 24 Carat Kids
8.55pm 5 News Weekend
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.05pm Grown Ups 2
11.55pm One Night with My Ex
12.55am Super Casino
3.10am Gifs Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Kavos: Get Your Tits Out
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TOP TV

MORNING
- 9.15am Rip Off Britain
- 10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
- 11.00am Wanted Down Under
- 11.45am Close Calls On Camera

AFTERNOON
- 12.15pm Bargain Hunt
- 1.00pm BBC News at One
- 1.30pm Regional News and Weather
- 1.45pm Doctors
- 2.15pm Father Brown
- 3.00pm Escape to the Country
- 3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
- 4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
- 5.15pm Pointless

EVENING
- 6.00pm BBC News at Six
- 6.30pm Regional News and Weather
- 7.00pm The One Show
- 7.30pm Inside Out
- 8.00pm EastEnders
- 8.30pm Panorama
- 9.00pm Silent Witness
- 10.00pm BBC News at Ten
- 10.35pm Regional News and Weather
- 10.45pm Have I Got Old News for You
- 11.15pm Miriam's Big American Adventure
- 12.15am The Graham Norton Show
- 1.00am Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC 2

TOP TV

MORNING
- 7.15am Antiques Road Trip
- 8.00am Antiques Roadshow
- 9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
- 11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

AFTERNOON
- 12.00pm The Daily Politics
- 1.00pm Masters Snooker
- 4.45pm More Creatures Great and Small
- 5.15pm Flog It!

EVENING
- 8.00pm Eggheads
- 8.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
- 7.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
- 8.00pm Only Connect
- 8.30pm University Challenge
- 9.00pm Surgeons: At the Edge of Life
- 10.00pm Insert Name Here
- 10.30pm Newsnight
- 11.15pm Masters Snooker Highlights
- 12.05am Masters Snooker Extra
- 2.05am Countryfile
- 3.00am Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
- 4.00am This is BBC Two
- 8.00am Flog It! Trade Secrets

ITV

TOP TV

MORNING
- 8.30am Lorraine
- 9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 10.30am This Morning

AFTERNOON
- 12.30pm Loose Women
- 1.30pm ITV News
- 1.55pm ITV News London
- 2.00pm Judge Rinder
- 3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
- 4.00pm Tipping Point
- 5.00pm The Chase

EVENING
- 6.00pm ITV News London
- 6.30pm ITV Evening News
- 7.00pm Emmerdale
- 7.30pm Coronation Street
- 8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show
- 8.30pm Coronation Street
- 9.00pm Next of Kin
- 10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
- 10.30pm ITV News London
- 10.45pm School for Stammerers
- 12.10am Jackpot247
- 3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show
- 3.50am ITV Nightscreen
- 5.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel 4

TOP TV

MORNING
- 7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
- 8.30am Frasier
- 10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
- 11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

AFTERNOON
- 12.00pm Channel 4 News
- 12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
- 1.05pm Fresh Prawn
- 2.10pm Countdown
- 3.00pm Village of the Year
- 4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
- 5.00pm Four in a Bed
- 5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

EVENING
- 6.00pm The Simpsons
- 6.30pm Hollyoaks
- 7.00pm Channel 4 News
- 8.00pm How to Lose Weight Well
- 9.00pm The Unbeatables
- 10.00pm First Dates Hotel
- 11.05pm Derry Girls
- 11.35pm Hunted
- 12.35am SAS: Who Dares Wins
- 1.30am The Supervet
- 2.25am Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge
- 3.20am Coast v Country
- 4.15am Location, Location, Location

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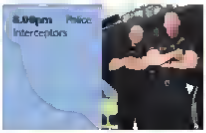

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MORNING
- 8.20am Rusty Rivets
- 8.35am Shimmer and Shine
- 8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- 9.05am Molly
- 9.15am The Wright Stuff
- 11.15am Gifts Behind Closed Doors

AFTERNOON
- 12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
- 12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
- 1.05pm Access
- 1.15pm Home and Away
- 1.45pm Neighbours
- 2.15pm NCIS
- 3.15pm The Wrong Mother
- 5.00pm 5 News at 5
- 5.30pm Neighbours

EVENING
- 6.00pm Home and Away
- 6.30pm 5 News Tonight
- 7.00pm Car Crash TV
- 8.00pm Police Interceptors
- 9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
- 10.00pm Not So Sweet Sixteen
- 11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
- 12.00am Celebrity Botched Up Bodies
- 1.00am Super Casino
- 3.10am Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
- 4.00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
- 4.45am House Doctor

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Young professsionals are unable to buy their first home in Oxford – Are the Baby Boomers and Landlords to Blame?

Bill Cooper co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

Talk to some Oxford 20 something for whom home ownership appears a vague dream, and they are vexatious towards the Baby Boomer generation and their pushover walk through life their free university education their eye watering property windfalls, their golden final salary pensions and their free bus passes.

If you bought a property in Oxford for £25 000 in first quarter of 1977 today it would be worth £549429 an increase of 20977%

But to blame the 60 and 70 year olds of Oxford for that seems a little unfair The mature generations joined the property party in the 1970 s and 1980 s when they were allowed to take out huge mortgages, protected by the knowledge that inflation would corrode the real value of the mortgage increase property prices while boosting wage growth enhancing their ability to repay

Unlike Government, neither do I blame the multitude of Oxford buy to let landlords buying up their 10th or 11th property to add to their buy to let portfolio. They too merely reacted to the peculiar historic inducements of the UK property market.

Surely someone is to blame?

Margaret Thatcher and Nigel Lawson are also good people to blame – selling off millions of council houses at knock-down values and delaying ending of the MIRAS tax relief in 1987 The Blair/Brown combo doubled stamp duty in 1997 and again in 2000, which, as a tax on property transactions precluding a more equitable distribution of current housing stock. And our current Government has had plenty of opportunity to change the stamp duty rules to incentivise those mature Oxford house movers to downsize, but have failed to act.

It s easy to think the only reason that hundreds of first time buyers have been priced out of the Oxford housing market is because of private landlords Yet I believe they are undervalued. With first time buyers struggling to save for a deposit if it weren't for those landlords buying up homes we would have a bigger housing crisis than we have today Since the global financial crisis of 2008/9, local councils have cut services and haven t had enough money to build new homes Homes that were provided to Oxford instead by buy to let landlords helping to reduce the scale of the current crisis

657 homes are being bought by buy to let landlords each year in the Oxford City Council area when otherwise they might have been available to other buyers But at a time when the current national average deposit is £51 800 most young people are simply unable to meet lenders' demands And homes bought by local landlords are not standing empty instead they equate to 4 596 of homes for local people most of whom either see renting as a preferred option given the flexibility required by the early years of their professional lives or accept that they cannot yet meet lender demands for deposits

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Subaru Forester 2.0i XE Premium

Impressive drive, on and off the road

By **Tony Yates**

AS this is my first review of 2018, I wanted to start it off with something pretty special in the form of the updated Subaru Forester 2.0i XE Premium. For those of you who don't know this, the Forester really is the hidden gem when it comes to doing everything right first time and with minimal fuss. The Forester to me is the car that has it all and a car that will probably never let you down. Yes, that may seem a little over the top but there is a reason for this. The Subaru Forester is an utterly brilliant car in every way. If you are still not convinced, then sit back and read on as I explain the pure brilliance of this machine.

Power & efficiency

The Forester was equipped with a powerful and efficient 2.0-litre Horizontally opposed, 4 cylinder petrol engine - a unit that provides you with a maximum power of 150 PS and a torque figure of 198Nm. The Forester also achieved 40.3mpg on the combined cycle which is quite impressive. Maximum speed comes in at around 119mph and a 0-62mph of 11.8s. This is also an engine that provides more than enough power on the road, whilst its horizontally opposed 4 cylinder design provides you with a smooth drive in any gear. It's also important to note that this is no slouch - yes it may look on paper to be a bit low no power when you look at the competition, but let's be clear here: the Forester has more than enough grunt for any occasion.

On the road

One of the benefits of the Forester is in its ability to do off-road 'brilliantly'. The Forester really is fantastic, which is why it's probably the most preferred mode of transport for anyone who owns a farm - or the more adventurous type who prefers the muddy tracks of the outdoors rather than the city tarmac. To be honest, it makes little difference where you take the Forester, the end result will be the same.

The Forester is also a very stable and well-balanced machine and a willing companion into bends, yet its comfortable enough in off road mode or at times when you need it to become the long-distance mile eater at a minutes' notice.

Design & technology

The Subaru Forester offers you plenty of standard equipment such as, Auto HID headlamps with auto leveller, 17-inch aluminium alloy wheels, leather-wrapped steering wheel and gearshift knob, heated front seats, leather seating, dual zone automatic air-conditioning system with anti-dust filter, automatic rain-sensing wipers, X-Mode, Hill Descent Control, SI-Drive (SUBARU Intelligent Drive), 7" multi-function colour touchscreen, reversing camera and Active Torque Split Symmetrical All Wheel Drive System.

Yep, the list just keeps going with the addition of front SRS airbags, front, side and knee SRS airbags, ABS brake override, whiplash-reducing front seats, DAB radio, Bluetooth, satellite navigation, cruise control and a whole lot more that would put even the most well-equipped car to shame. Well done Subaru, that is one long list.

On the inside, there's also plenty of room for five adults to travel in comfort whilst the boot is capable of swallowing up to 1 557 litres of luggage capacity and 60/40 folding seats giving plenty of room for a family of five.

To sum up

The Subaru Forester is an impressive performer both on and off-road. The All Wheel Drive experience is ultra impressive and one of the main reasons why it's off-road potential and on road manners are something that stands out by the bucket load.

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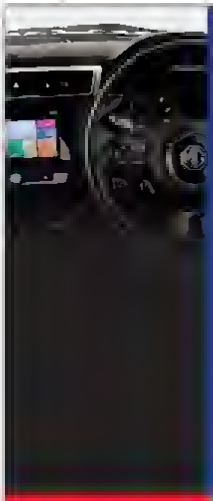

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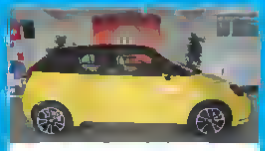

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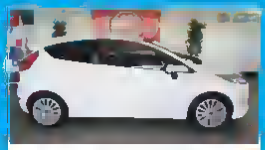

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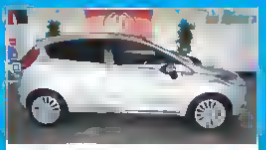

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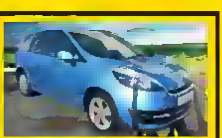

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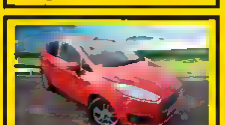
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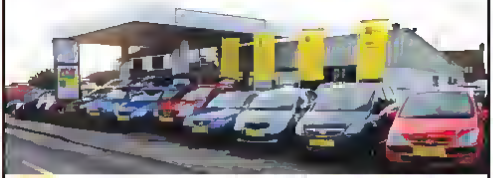

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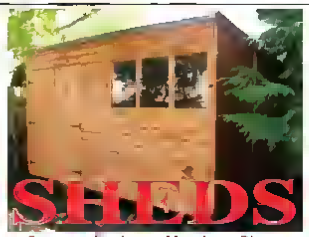

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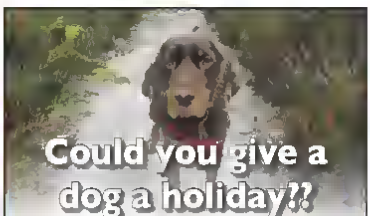

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Stars on wrong side of nine-goal thriller

By George Welch

Ice hockey

OXFORD City Stars' position at the top of the table is under threat after being edged out in a nine-goal thriller against closest rivals Bracknell Hornets

In an almost perfect season so far for the Stars the 9-6 defeat to Bracknell Hornets in September marked the only blot on the Stars' copybook.

It was a result Kenny Redmond's side were anxious to avenge, especially with the Hornets close behind them in the league.

But the Hornets proved too difficult to beat, coming out as the victors in a closely fought game full of excitement.

Victors Bracknell, who have only lost one league game this season, are now four points behind Oxford, who went into the match on a 12-match winning streak, with three games in hand.

The NIHL South2 pacesetters seized a first period lead when Matthew Lawday found the back of the net within four minutes.

Stars enjoyed the lead until midway through the middle period as the Hornets stung their hosts with a three-minute double.

Benjamin Ealey Newman (26 minutes) and Tom Fisher (31) scored to flip the game and put Bracknell in charge.

Michael Whitlock responded for Oxford two minutes later but Bracknell's Sean Scarbrough restored the lead before the final period.

The Hornets buzzed out for the third period and made it 5-2 within two minutes. Jack Tarczynski (41) and Adam Bicknell (42) extending the away side's lead.

The Stars called an immediate time-out. And it worked, as a couple of chances from Kamil Kinkor were followed up by a shot from Joshua Oliver that slammed into the net.

With two and a half minutes remaining Oxford still two goals behind, took Mihin Konai out of net in favour of a sixth skater, and the move paid off as Kinkor – the ninth scorer of the match – finally netted.

But there wasn't enough time for City to equalise and the Hornets celebrated a deserved victory.

Stars will look to bounce back when they welcome Haringey Huskies (7th) to Oxpens Road on Sunday.

Kamil Kinkor celebrates his goal in front of Kingston Colts U10's football club. Picture *Paul Foster*

Back in winter nets to build on 2017 success

Cricket

BICESTER & North Oxford Cricket Club's winter nets get under way this month as the club look to build on their 2017 successes.

B&NOCC saw off competition from Home Counties Premier League sides to lift the Wilf Bennett T20 Trophy in September after a league campaign that saw their youth system bear fruit in the senior sides.

Nets for Under 17 and senior players start at 8pm on Wednesday, before moving to a regular Thursday slot at the same time the following week.

Former players Gary 'Sam Sansome and Paul Jeacock have been tempted back to the club in a coaching capacity and will help out with training.

The 2018 season gets under way on May 5 with both first and second teams taking on relegated Great & Little Tew sides, and the third XI hosting Abingdon Vale fourths.

Junior nets start on Sunday with Under 9s and Under 11s from 9am to 10am, and Under 13 and Under 15s from 10am to 11am.

Visit bnocc.com for more or tinyurl.com/y9pxn5tz to find more ways of getting involved in cricket.

B&NOCC celebrate winning the Wilf Bennett T20 trophy in 2017

Hedman flies into quarters

Darts

DETA Hedman has booked her place in the quarter finals of the BDO world darts championships with a comfortable 2-0 win over Norway's Rachna David.

Oxfordshire county player Hedman, 58, only lost one leg over the course of the match on Saturday evening held at the Lakeside in Frimley Green, Surrey.

Hedman, who has more than 100 ranking titles to her name, is chasing her first world championship success, having reached the final on three previous occasions.

It was a steady start for Hedman in Saturday's game, taking advantage of David's missed doubles to claim the first leg against the throw.

Hedman started to find her rhythm and began off the second leg with three ton plus scores checking out an eight to extend her advantage.

David took a scruffy third leg, but Hedman soon wrapped up the opening set.

And three unanswered legs in the second set saw Hedman ease her way into the next round with an average close to 87.

She faces Sharon Prins in the quarter final today (Thursday) with the semi-finals taking place tomorrow and the final on Saturday.

Why not give rugby a try?

Rugby

A KIDLINGTON women's rugby team will hold a training camp for any women interested in trying rugby union next weekend.

To encourage women to kickstart their fitness routine in 2018, Gosford All Blacks Rugby Club will host a Warrior Camp on Saturday January 20.

As part of England Rugby's nationwide Inner Warrior campaign to increase female participation in rugby union, the rugby club wants to encourage women "to experience the dynamic, exhilarating sport of rugby for the first time within a fun-packed, commitment free environment".

The Warrior Camps aim to encourage more women and girls to play contact rugby touching participants key introductory skills and drills within a non-committal, social and fun environment.

Participants will be introduced to the basics of rugby including passing, kicking and tackling, along with enjoyable fitness routines.

The two-hour session will take place at the club at Stratfield Brake Sports Ground on Frieze Way at 2pm.

Wheatley make it to final of county shield against Littlemore

Rugby

A CONVINCING first half performance from Wheatley helped them through to the final of the Oxfordshire County Shield after swatting aside visitors Blue Boar 11-5.

The BBO Premiership side earned a deserved victory on the balance of play the men in purple dominating the opening period and scoring a try through scrum-half Jack Taylor on their way to an 8-0 half time lead.

Boar finished the half with 13 men with two binned for breakdown offences.

The away side's backline gave a better account for itself during a more evenly contested second period but, despite pulling a try back, were unable to mount a comeback.

Wheatley will play Littlemore in the final at Iffley Road, date to be confirmed.

Wheatley return to league action with a trip to Crowthorne on Saturday. Also in the BBO Premiership Abingdon travel to Bletchley Littlemore play away at Chesham and Dorcot host Slough.

Meanwhile, Chinnor surrendered their perch at the top of National League 2 South after losing their first game of the season 35-20 at home to London Irish Wild Geese on Saturday.

Cinderford replaced them at the top, beating Henley 34-6 at home.

Saturday sees Henley, who remain sixth, host Tonbridge Juddian and Chinnor travel to third-placed Redingensians.

Wheatley's Caillin Taylor congratulates Jack Taylor on his try Picture *Simon Chadbona*

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One hoop too many for City

By Owen Hughes

Oxford City

OXFORD City failed to make it back-to-back wins in the National League South after falling to a 3-2 defeat at Havant & Waterlooville on Tuesday

The Hoops twice clawed their way back into the game but Havant's quality shone through with City unable to find a third reply against the team second in the table.

Matt Tubbs put the home side in front an nine minutes but City captain Godfrey Poku eventually found the bottom corner with a speculative effort on 51 minutes.

It took just three minutes for Theo Lewis to head the south coast club back in front before Matt Paterson converted a spot kick against his former team when Zac McEachran was brought down in the box in the 59th minute.

The visitors were trailing again when Tubbs had an easy tap in for his second of the night on 78 minutes and things went from bad to worse when Reece Fleet was shown a second yellow card seven minutes from time.

The midweek defeat comes off the back of a successful trip to Hungerford Town at the weekend where two first half goals from Paterson and Rob Sinclair were enough for the Hoops to claim all three points in a 2-1 win.

Oxford United recalled 20-year-old keeper Jack Stephens on Monday, leaving manager Mark Jones with a late scramble to draft in Luke Sanders from Oxford City Nomads.

Jones said: "To lose your goalkeeper at 9.30pm the night before an important game like this was difficult for us.

"We were trying to look around for keepers at late notice and in the end we went with Luke [Sanders] and that didn't help us at all with our preparations to be honest.

"But overall I was encouraged with our performance and if we keep playing with that same enthusiasm and that same quality we'll win a lot more games this season and it was a shame we couldn't get a point tonight."

The result leaves them 17th on 28 points in the Vanarama National League South.

City welcome bottom of the table Whitehawk to Marsh Lane on Saturday.

Rob Sinclair scored the second of City's goals against Hungerford at the weekend. Picture: Michael Allen

Vanarama National League South
Saturday 6 January
Hungerford Town 1-2 **Oxford City**
Tuesday 9 January
Havant & Waterlooville 3-2 **Oxford City**

Evo-Stik South Premier
Saturday 6 January
Banbury United 1-0 Hitchin Town
Wednesday 10 January
Farnborough v **Banbury United**
(match after going to press)

Evo-Stik South East
Saturday 6 January
Moneyfields 3-2 **Thame United**

Evo-Stik South West
Saturday 6 January
Kidlington 5-2 Barnstaple Town
North Leigh 1-1 Slimbridge
Shortwood United 3-3 **Didcot Town**
Tuesday 9 January
North Leigh 1-4 Yate Town

Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division
Saturday 6 January
Ascot United 1-1 **Abingdon United**
Lydney Town 0-4 **Wantage Town**
Monday 8 January
Woodley United 1-1 **Abingdon United**

Railwaymen rally to draw despite being down to 10 men

Evo Stik round-up

AN irrepressible 10-man Didcot Town twice fought back from two goals down to rescue a point against Shortwood United on Saturday.

The resilient Railwaymen battled back from 2-0 and 3-1 down to draw 3-3, despite Ollie Thomas being dismissed for a two-footed challenge on 35 minutes.

After a positive start for the visitors Andy Ballard's men found themselves 2-0 down within 17 minutes.

Sam Elkins reduced the deficit moments before Thomas received his marching orders.

Shortwood restored their two-goal advantage shortly after the restart but Didcot's fighting spirit meant the result was far from sealed.

Felipe Barcelos had a cross deflected into the net moments later and with six minutes remaining, Marlon Agyakwa found the bottom corner to extend Diddy's unbeaten run to five games.

Elsewhere in Evo-Stik South West, Kidlington beat Barnstaple Town 5-2 at home to collect their first win in five games.

Declan Benjamin, Duran Martin, Darius Browne and Lewis Coyle were all on target for the Greens. The third goal was an own goal.

North Leigh's torrid form continued with a 1-1 draw to Slimbridge at Eynsham Park on Saturday and a 4-1 defeat to Yate Town at the same stadium on Tuesday.

In the East division, Thame United had Saturday's game at Moneyfields postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Puritans climb table after wins

Banbury United

A JUBILANT Mike Ford was full of praise for his players as Banbury United ground out a 1-0 win at home to Hitchin Town, despite being reduced to 10 men late on.

Striker Leam Howards, who had a hand in setting up the winner for Jack Self, was sent off on 76 minutes.

But the Puritans, who remain ninth, hung on for back-to-back victories to move within five points of the Evo-Stik South League Premier Division play-offs.

The winner against in-form Hitchin came two minutes after the interval when Howards, introduced at half time, expertly found Ricky Johnson whose shot was saved.

The rebound fell to Self, who swivelled and fired into the bottom corner for the only goal of the game.

Boss Ford said: "Everything I asked the players to do they did, we showed great resolve to win that game and it's a great three points against an in form team.

"They were outstanding, it was the complete opposite to our last home performance but the players have now set a standard they need to maintain.

"When we went down to 10 men I was quite calm about it.

"I just felt we weren't going to concede even though they had a couple of chances late on.

"After the red card I didn't want to simply defend our lead, that's why I kept two strikers up top."

United were due to play away at Farnborough last night (Wednesday).

They face two more away fixtures at Bishop's Stortford and Redditch United on Saturday and Tuesday.

Markham and Robertson doubles fire Freds up table

Hellenic round-up

TWO goals in each half helped Wantage Town to a convincing 4-0 win at Lydney Town as the Freds kept the pressure on at the top of the table.

The south Oxfordshire side returned to winning ways, opening 2018 with maximum points having lost 3-1 to promotion rivals Thatcham Town on Boxing Day. With Thatcham not in league action over the weekend, third-placed Wantage moved to within seven points of second spot.

Ryan Markham and Steve Robertson scored a goal each in both halves as Lydney failed to combat a strong Town side.

Markham opened the scoring on five minutes before Robertson doubled the lead with a goal just before half time.

It was 3-0 on 75 minutes when Markham converted from the spot. Robertson rounded off the win with his brace two minutes before the end.

Meanwhile, Abingdon United began the calendar year with successive 1-1 draws at Ascot United and Woodley United.

A 35th minute Callum Harvey goal cancelled out Barry Dunbar's early goal against Ascot to earn United a point on Saturday.

And they had to come from behind again on Monday. John Dennis this time pulling them level against Woodley.

Oxford City Nomads didn't play but travel to Fairford Town on Saturday before hosting Blackwell Heath on Tuesday.

Saturday sees Abingdon play away at Tuffley Rovers while Wantage host Ascot.

Harry's 16 points help secure good win as Eagles soar

Basketball

A STRONG performance from top-scorer Akira Harry help his Abingdon Eagles Under16 side overcome Oxford City Hoops for the second time this season.

Harry shot 16 points in Saturday's 81-41 win over their rivals. The Eagles dominated play for most of the game with the Hoops unable to score when they were under the basket.

Abingdon, who beat Oxford 122-47 in October, played with both skill and speed to put on a good all round performance.

Harry top-scored with 16 while Asher Easton had a superb game at both ends of the court scoring 15 points.

Abingdon Eagles, who travel to Milton Keynes Trojans on Saturday are now fifth in the East II section of the National Basketball League.

The Hoops, second bottom in 11th, host West Herts Warriors (3rd).

In the men's Division Four competition, Oxford Stealers picked up just their third win of the season when they beat London United 78-73 on Saturday.

Oxford City Hoops had less success however losing 73-57 against leaders Hinsh Taunton Tigers at Henley College on Sunday.

Hoops play away at London United (5th) on Sunday a day after the Stealers host Thames Valley Cavaliers II (6th).

Abingdon Eagles U16, left, and Oxford Hoops U16 before the game

Seasiders washed up by avenging defeat from U's

By George Welch

Oxford United 1

Jon Obika 80

Blackpool 0

Attendance: 6,775 (411 away)

A LATE goal from Jon Obika gave Oxford United back-to-back home wins for the first time this season as they beat Blackpool 1-0 at the Kassam on Saturday.

Substitute Alex Mowatt, introduced in the 79th minute, made an instant impact, swinging in a free kick with his first touch for Obika to glance home a headed winner – his seventh of the season.

United manager Pep Clotet said the second win of the year, which included a first clean sheet in five games, was "a big step forward".

The result was arguably harsh on the Seasiders, who were thwarted by multiple fine saves from keeper Simon Eastwood.

But that won't bother Clotet, who was desperate to avenge the disappointment of the 3-1 reverse in the north west in September.

The U's need to work on their finishing – Gino van Kessel the guiltiest party after wasting a glorious chance within 10 minutes – but United were stern in defence.

Clotet said: "I remember Blackpool away and we knew how hard that was going to be and we knew how important it was to keep a clean sheet [on Saturday].

"We missed a few chances... but the defensive side was superb.

"Our tempo going forward is good but you need more intensity to defend than to attack.

"Sometimes we try to attack at the same intensity with defending and that leads to a lot of apprehensions and bad choices.

"But I'm not that worried because I will speak to the team and sort it out.

"For us defensively this game shows a big step forward."

Van Kessel wasted a golden opportunity within 10 minutes when he went for goal instead of feeding Wes Thomas in a better position.

Thomas fired just wide on the hour but it was Eastwood, who has been linked with a move to Championship Barnsley in recent days, who proved his worth with three excellent saves.

But the United winner arrived 10 minutes from time, Obika heading home Mowatt's free kick for his third goal in three games.

Thomas could have made the points safe two minutes later, poking an effort straight at Christoffer Mafoumbi, but Obika's goal proved enough for the win.

Strike partner is making me stronger

RED-HOT Jon Obika believes he is reaping the rewards of having a strike partner alongside him to lead Oxford United's attack.

The striker netted an 80th minute winner against Blackpool on Saturday to score his third goal in as many matches.

The goal meant the former Swindon Town man scored in three successive games for the first time since 2014.

Obika, who is now on seven goals for the season, believes manager Pep Clotet's decision to change from a 4-4-1-1 formation to a 4-4-2 shape is behind his upturn in form.

The 27-year-old has started up top with partner Wes Thomas in the last four games, which has returned seven goals compared to just two goals in the four games previously.

Obika said: "Having two up front is important because even with the 10 – even though Jack Payne is fantastic – you are up against two centre halves instead of one so it can be very tough.

"You end up doing a lot of the fighting and not attacking so with two we share the load."

Jon Obika runs through the Blackpool defence. Picture: Steve Daniels

While Obika is in goal-scoring form, top-scorer Thomas is also finding the net, having scored in the New Year's Day 3-1 win over Milton Keynes Dons.

Obika has seven goals in 12 starts and 13 sub appearances while Thomas has netted 10 times in 24 appearances.

Bright start but defeat to kick off new year

OUFCW

OXFORD United Women kicked off 2018 with an entertaining match against Durham that ended in defeat.

An encouraging early goal from top scorer Kayleigh Hines wasn't enough for any points as United failed to build on their bright start, eventually losing 4-2 at Court Place Farm.

Hines' fourth goal of the campaign came after just four minutes when the forward stabbed home a rebound.

The lead didn't last too long though as Durham got their response midway through the first half.

The Wildcats pressed high and pounced on a loose ball, Beth Hepple managing to slot the ball into the bottom corner.

More goals and drama was to follow in the second half.

After Demi Lambourne had made a couple of terrific stops in the Oxford goal Zoe Ness made it 2-1 to the away side on the hour mark.

And it was 3-1 in the 68th minute when the home side failed to deal with a corner, Sarah Robson profiting for her second goal in just her second appearance.

U's substitute Chloe Chivers had a goal disallowed before Ellis Hillman struck a sweet left-footed shot into the top corner to narrow the deficit to one on 82 minutes.

But Durham retaliated immediately and, just a minute later, Ness scored her second of the afternoon from a corner.

United, winless in nine and in mid table, are back in action against Aston Villa at Court Place Farm on January 28.

Royals youngster moves across the Thames Valley

OXFORD United have completed their first signing of the transfer window by bringing in former England Under-19 international Rob Dickie from Reading for an undisclosed fee.

The experienced 21-year-old centre-half is known for his ability to play out from the back and spent the first half of the season in League 2 on loan at Lincoln City.

Dickie said: "Since I heard Oxford were interested, I just wanted to come here because I was quite attracted by the style that the manager to likes to play.

"I like to bring the ball out from the back, I like to think of myself as quite composed and from set pieces I like to get myself in the box and get a few goals."

The Royals academy graduate enjoyed a loan spell at Basingstoke Town before winning the National League at Cheltenham Town two years ago rejoining the Robins last season again on loan.

Manager Pep Clotet said: "Rob is a very hungry young player who we have been monitoring for a while now.

"He is strong, has a fantastic attitude and good technical and physical attributes. We are delighted that he has chosen to join us.

"He's played around 100 games across three different leagues despite his age, and at 21 we believe that he will continue to develop as a player and we think he will be a very positive asset for us."

Dickie received his first and only call up to the England Under-19's squad in 2014.

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Shearer helps take U's nearer to another final

By George Welch

Charlton Athletic 1
Kadan Ahearne-Grant 7

Oxford United 1
Wes Thomas 54

Oxford win 3-0 on penalties

Attendance 1,146 (122 away)

United players rush to celebrate [illegible]tt Shearer after [illegible]t out success

OXFORD United will find out today who their Checkatrade Trophy quarter-final opponents are

The U's progressed into the last eight with a penalty shootout win at fellow League One side Charlton Athletic on Tuesday night.

The scores were 1-1 after 90 minutes as a clinical finish from Wes Thomas nine minutes into the second half cancelled out an early Kadan Ahearne-Grant 20-yarder

Stand-in stopper Scott Shearer, in the Oxford goal for the injured Simon Eastwood was the hero as the game went straight to penalties.

The 36-year-old Glaswegian saved two penalties from Johnnie Jackson and Stephy Mavididi before Reece Hackett-Fairchild blasted over as the Yellows secured their spot in the next round with a 3-0 shootout win.

Alex Mowatt and Jon Obika converted and, despite Ryan Ledson's effort being saved by Dillon Phillips in the Charlton goal Agon Mehmeti confidently fired into the top corner to send United through.

Pleased to leap a step closer to another Wembley appearance for the club, manager Pep Clotet praised his side's second half performance

The Spaniard, who has insisted there have been no bids for any of his players in the transfer window, said: "The game was very difficult from the beginning but we improved to win the game and the players showed a fantastic attitude commitment, spirit, leadership and quality I'm very satisfied with the performance.

"[We improve in the second half because] we have very good communication at half time and the players have good fitness levels. The players always have desire."

The Addicts dominated the first half and took control when Ahearne-Grant got the better of right back Cameron Carroll and fired impressively beyond Shearer

Ahmed Kashi tested Shearer before the break but Thomas levelled the tie on 54 minutes when he outmuscled Anfernee Dijksteel, slotting the ball between the legs of Phillips

Jack Payne, Jon Obika and Malachi Napa all went close to a winner for United while, at the other end, Mark Marshall and Arsenal loanee Mavididi should have scored.

Oxford survived the late scares and quickly despatched their hosts on penalties.

The Checkatrade Trophy quarter-final draw will take place on EFL Matters on Sky Sports Football at 7pm today (Thursday)

United could face any of the remaining seven teams as the draw is not regionalised.

Shear quality, Pep's verdict on penalty hero keeper

BACKUP Oxford United keeper Scott Shearer put in a performance of shear quality as the U's moved to within two games from Wembley

Shearer, making only his second United start, was the hero as he prevented Charlton scoring from the spot, saving from Johnnie Jackson and Stephy Mavididi before Reece Hackett-Fairchild fluffed over

The veteran stopper said: "It doesn't matter how you get through these ties it's just getting through

"It was a solid second half performance, we caused a lot of problems and the lads worked very hard so we're delighted to get through

"I loved it [playing] I knew coming here I would be limited to minutes and I see why with Simon's performances I'm just going to enjoy every minute I get out there."

Boss Pep Clotet was delighted with Shearer's contribution "I'm very satisfied for him more than anyone because he doesn't play much and he's shown how good a professional he is

"He's a leader for the lads in the dressing room and he always remains focused.

"The way he got the result the way he did it is fantastic."

Usual number one Simon Eastwood missed out with a shoulder injury, paving the way for Shearer's first appearance since playing against Brighton's academy side in October

Youngster Jack Stevens has been recalled from his loan spell at Oxford City to provide extra cover

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